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PREFACE.

General Description of the Papers.

The Collection of Treasury Papers, of which the following is the first portion of a calendar, consists of:—

I. Such written applications as were from time to time presented to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for recompense of services rendered to the State, for grants of moneys and pensions, appointments to offices, remissions of fines and duties, and for the relief which in various ways could be afforded by a Board having such extensive powers:

II. The reports made to their Lordships by other boards of commissioners, or by individual officers, to whom, from their special knowledge, their Lordships referred the matters contained in those petitions or memorials; with these are joined affidavits, certificates, letters, and other documents in support of the applications:

III. Schemes, estimates, accounts of expenses, and proposals of various kinds brought under their Lordships' consideration.

The papers described in this volume extend from the year 1556-7 to the year 1696.

They all fall under the great divisions DOMESTIC, IRISH, and COLONIAL, and comprise all the papers thought worthy of preservation by this administrative department, at least those which have come down to us. Although they relate to one department only, it was of all others *the one* which was continually brought into communication with almost every other; for as most transactions of Government required money for their accomplishment, those who were engaged in them could not proceed far without coming to the spring from which the money flowed, viz., the Treasury.

These papers have this advantage over private communications, that for the most part they are more intelligible. A petition to be laid before a board of commissioners for its deliberation would naturally be more carefully prepared than a hastily written communication from one friend to another; consequently it is rare to find their meaning obscure.

As to their value, the late Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, in his seventh report, p. 4, founding his observations on the report of Mr. Black (who had been deputed by the late Master of the Rolls, on 19th January 1842, to examine and report on the whole mass of Treasury Records), thus states:—

"They are of the highest historical interest and curiosity, throwing light on a variety of civil and political events; the progress of the Revenue, the Crown lands, the Colonies, the public transactions of the office, and many of the private affairs of persons of every class; and afford evidence of the rights, both of the Crown and of the subject, of a peculiar and very valuable description."

The sixth report (dated 3rd June 1862) of the Committee appointed to examine, &c. the papers of the administrative departments of the Government, made to the Lords of the Treasury, states that these papers "teem with every variety of subject," and that,—

"Every subject, whether of an administrative or fiscal nature, whether relating to public transactions or to private interests, [was] brought before the Board of Treasury, and consequently its documents must offer the richest mine of information on all subjects, pre-eminently above any other public office, whose business must necessarily be restricted to one special channel."

Exclusively of the information the papers themselves afford, they will often give a hint to the intelligent inquirer to search in various series of books of the Treasury now happily open to the public, such as letter, warrant, order, and money books, where further particulars may not unfrequently be found.

The petitions which were addressed to their Lordships, in addition to the dry details of the wants of the petitioners, frequently contain minute particulars nowhere else recorded; and although it may not unfairly be supposed that the petitioners made the best of their case, yet generally they stated the truth (at all events viewed from their side of it), knowing that before they obtained anything from their Lordships a searching investigation would be made.

The papers dated before the Revolution are not very numerous, and many of them are copies. One of the earliest original papers, as well as the most curious and interesting, is a petition of David de Grange, His Majesty's limner in Scotland, for 76*l.* for work done by him and delivered to persons of quality by the King. It will be found at length at p. xxiv. of this preface.

Of the copies, the one which stands first deserves special mention. It is a copy of a petition of John Dee, gent., bewailing the subversion of the religious houses and their libraries, and proposing to borrow such works as were valuable to have them copied. His scheme extended to

the Vatican and other libraries on the continent, and he further proposed the erection of a library for the preservation of such works. (*See* Vol. I., No. 1.)

The following also deserve mention :—

(1.) Papers relating to discoveries by Oates and others in 1678, as to the estates of the Jesuits (Vol. I., 45). Oates' petition runs thus :—

" To the Right Hon^ble the Lords Com^rs of His Ma^ties Treasury.

" The humble petiĉon of Titus Otes, D^r in Divinity.

" Most humbly sheweth,

" That yo^r pet^r did on the 28^th of Septemb^r 1678, discover to His Ma^ties most Hon^ble Privy Councell, that y^e priests & Jesuits of the Church of Rome had ingrossed to themselves an estate of 10,000 ^li p annū ; and that y^e Jesuits had 100,000^li in ready cash and that they had severall leases of houses and ground rents in and about London, particularly in Queen Street, London :

" That Richard Langhorne, of the Temple, lately executed for high treason, was trustee for most of their estates, and did act for them in their concernes, of w^ch yo^r pet^r did informe y^e Councell in the moneths of Sept^r and Octob^r, and the Houses of Parliam^t which met the 21^th of Octob^r 1678 ; and upon yo^r pet^rs evidence in refference, Langhorne's writings and papers were secured, after the Councell had searched for papers which might have relation to y^e plott :

" That Mr. Savage and Button never did appeare discoverers till the yeare 1680, and then had informaĉon from yo^r pet^r as to Langhorne's concernes :

" Therefore yo^r pet^r prays yo^r Lo^pps that hee may have leave to be heard before yo^r Lo^pps, and that yo^r Lo^pps would not dispose of any such money to Button or Savage or any other till heard by yo^r Lo^pps.

" And yo^r pet^r shall ever pray, &c.

" (Signed) Titus Otes."

(2.) Papers relating to the making of farthings and halfpence of tin and not of copper. (*See* Vol. I., 49.)

(3.) Papers and letters of the Earl of Bath, 1686 to 1688, respecting the Stannaries in Cornwall and Devon,

about which a Convocation or Parliament was held in the autumn of the year 1686, at Lostwithiel, the Earl of Bath having issued his precepts to the "four Cornish mayors," to choose their respective "Stannators." (*See* Vol. II., 16 and 17.) A similar convocation was to be held in Devonshire, and a further Parliament was held in 1688. There are several of these papers, and they contain important historical information touching the Stannaries, as well as the history of this country at a very critical period. In one, dated 23rd Oct. 1688 (Vol. II., 58), the Earl states that on the 11th of that month,

"the Convocation mett at Saltash according to their adjournment, when I thought we should have nothing to doe, but to signe the lawes, and ratify the agreement for the farme, which was before concluded of, and was in this meantime ordered to be engrossed; but instead thereof, I found the *influence of the tymes** had soe wrought upon their tempers that some were growne peevish and suspitious, and started new jealousyes and difficultyes, which engaged them in disputes till Saturday afternoon."

The Earl further says His Majesty had commanded him to take care of the city of Exeter, and to raise some part of the militia, to secure the peace thereof, under such officers as he could put no confidence in. The present mayor, who was major of the militia of Exeter, was a person in whom he could place no confidence, as he had often faithfully acquainted His Majesty. The rest of the officers had tendered to the Earl their commissions, and desired to be excused from serving under him.

To a large extent the papers are capable of classification. The following would be some of the more prominent sub-

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* William the Third landed at Torbay, 5th Nov. 1688, a few days after the date of this letter.

divisions in which they might be placed, viz., papers relating to—

Admiralty.	Navy.
Army or Paymaster.	Sick and wounded.
Customs.	Taxes.
Excise.	Transport.
Ireland.	Victualling.
Mint.	

Many of the papers relate to the settlement of claims of military men, and this could hardly be otherwise in the time of William the Third, so large a portion of whose reign was given to war; but by far the largest class consists of reports of the Commissioners of Customs, rendered to the Lords of the Treasury, on petitions transmitted to them by command of their Lordships, in relation to questions arising out of the customs revenue. As they are so numerous they deserve special notice.

These reports of the Commissioners of Customs will be found to throw great light on the working of the navigation and other laws affecting imports and exports, on manufactures, on the exercise of patronage (ever a fruitful source of dissatisfaction, *see* Vol. IV., 63; V., 11 and Vol. XX., 42), and on the authority exercised by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise over their subordinates. (*See* Vol. III., 59; IV., 52; and V., 27.)

The Commissioners were often the means of softening the effect of the various enactments touching imports and exports, in fact they were the regulators which made it safe to work the engine under the high pressure put upon it.

The duty of both the Commissioners of Customs and the Lords of the Treasury evidently was to see that the revenue was made as productive as possible, but the rigid exaction of the law would have been, in many instances,

manifest injustice. For example, an Act was passed raising the duty on certain goods, the additional duty to take effect after a given day; a merchant had goods of the species referred to in the Act consigned to him in ample time, in ordinary circumstances, to arrive before that day, but from adverse winds or other causes the ship did not complete her voyage until after the date, whereby the larger duty was incurred (*see* Vol. X., 24); or take another example, an Act was passed rendering it imperative that ships of this country should be navigated by at least three-fourths English sailors; the master of a vessel thereupon departed hence with his full number of English mariners, but whilst abroad his men ran away or died; as he must have a sufficient number of hands to navigate the vessel, he engaged foreigners, but when he returned to England the ship and cargo were, from such a casualty, forfeited. The Commissioners of Customs, under those circumstances, advised the Lords of the Treasury to grant relief, but in doing so respected the rights of the officer who seized the goods, to whom the petitioner had to make compensation for his share of the forfeiture.

It would appear from a report of 21st April 1692 (Vol. XVIII., 22), that the officers of the Royal Navy, who should have been the guardians of law, were a source of trouble to the Commissioners, for they report on some India goods imported from Holland contrary to the Navigation Act:—

"That it seems to us that the whole carriage of this buisnes (as well the importation from Holland as the conveyance up the ryver) was by some one of the ships of warr and the boates that attended her, for that the greatest part of the goods were found on board a hired ketch belonging to the ship Northumberland, and were brought on board the said ketch by the said ship's pinnance, which gives us occasion again to reflect (as frequently we have been constrained to doe) upon the unwarrantable proceedings of the

men-of-warr, and their ungovernable carriage in relation to the customes."

Again, in a presentment of 30th May 1696 (Vol. XXXVIII., 28), the Commissioners state that the carrying out of the kingdom the coined money and gold and silver bullion (which they had done what they could to prevent) was chiefly done by the men-of-war and yachts passing between England and Ireland and England and Holland.

Duties of the Treasury Board.

As these are materially illustrated in this body of papers they claim some attention.

The Commissioners appointed to inquire into the fees, gratuities, &c. received in the several public offices, reported, on 20th June 1786, that the business of the Board of Treasury was:

"To consider and determine upon all matters relative to Your Majesty's Civil List or other revenues; to give directions for the conduct of all boards and persons intrusted with the receipt, management, or expenditure of the said revenues, to sign all warrants for the necessary payments thereout, and generally to superintend every branch of revenue belonging to Your Majesty or the public."

A century earlier they appear to have been much the same.

It has been ascertained that the following were the *modes of proceeding* adopted by their Lordships in the discharge of the duties committed to them.

On the presentation of a petition to their Lordships the usual course was to refer it to the particular department with which it was connected, or to some person whose special knowledge could guide them in coming to a proper decision: thus, if it were a matter affecting the payment of customs, they would refer it to the Commissioners of

Customs, or, if a legal opinion were wanted, to the Attorney General. Similar endorsements to the following are common on the petitions:—

"The Lords Com^rs of their Ma^ts Treasury are pleased to refer this petition to the Comm^rs of their Ma^ties Customs, who are desired to consider the same, and certify their L^ps a true state of the petitioner's case, together with their opinion what is fit to be done therein."

Upon such a reference as the above the Commissioners of Customs would take the petition and corroborative documents into consideration, and if they were satisfied as to the proper course to recommend, they would return a report to their Lordships, but if not, they sometimes took another step. They, in their turn, placed it in the hands of some one in whom they could confide, to make a report on the case. The papers were then returned to the Lords of the Treasury, and if there were no further difficulties attending the case their Lordships made an order as to what should be done.

This order or minute is often endorsed on the papers by the Secretary of the Treasury, and very frequently these minutes are the only record of what was done. This is more especially the case from March 1690 to April 1695, for the four volumes numbered 2 to 5 of the *Minute Books* (where some of these minutes might be recorded) are not known to be in existence.

Their Lordships held their sittings at the Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, until 4th January 1697, when those Chambers were burnt down; they then temporarily assembled at the house of Mr. Lowndes, "near "the west end of the abbey in Westminster," until the 17th of February (see *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 85, *et seq.*), when they removed to the Treasury Chambers at the Cockpit, for on that day there is the following note in the Treasury *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 112:—

"Mem^{d}, on the 17th day of February 1697, the Lords Com^{rs} of His Ma^{ts} Trea[su]ry had their first sitting at the new office in the Cock pitt."

In the earliest *Minute Book*, 30th May 1667, it is stated:—

"That the ordinary times of the Lords Com^{rs} meeting be upon Tuesdayes & Thursdayes at 3 of the clocke in the afternoon & upon Wednesday and Fryday at 8 in the morning."

In the year 1689, there are frequent instances in the *Minute Book* of their attending at eight o'clock in the morning.

An attempt was made by them to assign a day to particular duties, for in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 303, 16th May 1696, is the following:—

"On Wednesday in every week, in ye afternoon, my Lords will read peticions, and ye dores to be shutt, none to come in unless Com^{rs} of Excise or Customs be sent for."

Closely connected with the duties of their Lordships were the duties of their secretary, and the following order, entered in the earliest *Minute Book* (27 May 1667), illustrates them as well as the nature of the Treasury Minute Books:—

"Ordered that the Secretary S^{r} George Downing, Kn^{t} & Baronet attending this Commission, should keepe a booke singly for registring the breife notes he should take for framing any orders upon, or pursuing other their Lo^{pps} directions, w^{ch} notes at their next meeting, and before they entered upon any new buisnes, he should acquaint them with, & what was done thereupon; and so from time to time what progresse was made, upon any directions then unperfected, that he should enter the names of the Com^{rs} present at every meeting & constantly observe this method."

The minutes on the backs of these papers were principally made by Wm. Lowndes, even for some time before he was made Secretary to the Treasury. He also kept the Minute Book in 1695 and for many years afterwards. His

appointment on 24th April is thus recorded (*Minute Book*, Vol. VI.) :—

"Mem^{d}, this evening the King was graciously pleased to bestow on mee the place of Secretary to the Treasury, for wh^{ch} I kisst his hand, and His Ma^{ty} at the same time approved the table of fees for the office. W. Lowndes."

History of the Papers.

As regards the history of these papers, it may be gathered from what hereafter follows that they have been in a chronic state of confusion and disorder, and the wonder is that for the most part they are in a good state of preservation. There are, however, many of them which have suffered from damp.

They seem to have been difficult to produce in former as in more recent times from the following extract from a letter, dated 15th December 1696 (Vol. XLI., 53), of one David Williams to Mr. Glanville, respecting his two petitions which were lost or mislaid. He says :—

"I pray, good S^{rs}, endeavour to find these two petitions, for we shall be undone if they are lost; else lett Esq^{r} Lowndes make me keeper of his petitions, & I will be bound in ten thousand pounds not one shall be lost while I live; now I have waited above 3 quarters of a year, & now my petition is mislaid."

These missing petitions of Williams will be found described in Vol. XLII., No. 42.

He also mentions that Mr. Charles Nevell's petition was not forthcoming.

When the Treasury Chambers (where the papers seem to have been kept), with other buildings, were burnt down the papers were rescued, *see Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 85. The following is the entry :—

"Mem^{d}, on the 4th day of January 1697 a fire happened in a private lodging near the stone gallery at Whitehall, at 3 or 4 of

ye clock in the afternoon, w^ch^ continued till 6 or 7 of ye clock in the morning, during w^ch^ time the rooms of state, the King's chappell, the counsell chamber, the offices of the princip^ll^ Secr^y^ of State, the Treasury Chambers (w^ch^ latter were blowne up about 9 of ye clock, after all ye books & material papers were preserved), and severall other buildings were consumed."

Henry Nelson was the first person specially appointed as keeper of the papers and books at the Treasury Chambers by Royal Sign Manual of 2nd June 1726. The papers and books were then described as being in bags and presses in a disordered condition for want of proper places to deposit them and fit and able persons to collect, sort, digest, and put them in order. *See Notes of Materials for the History of Public Departments*, 1846, p. 6.

Many of the papers have no doubt been lost, and on this subject Mr. Black in his report (printed in the Seventh Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, App. II., p. 22), gives the various reasons which discouraged him in entertaining the hope that documents would turn up from the time of the Restoration; he thus expresses himself:—

"First, that many of the papers in the loft were "examined, and the bundles broken up some years ago "for the purpose of making a collection of 'Select "Papers;' second, that a serious purpose was long "entertained to destroy a large proportion of the old "papers, and selections to a great extent were made "with that view; and third, that the loft was, until "recently used as the laundry of the building, and the "disordered state of the papers piled up against the "stack of chimneys was such as led me to suspect "that some of them had been taken to light the fires "of the stove and copper boiler which formerly were "fixed there until they were deemed unsafe for the "building."

The abstraction or destruction of the earlier papers must have been great, for in the reign of James II. there are only about 50 or 60 remaining.

Mr. Black further says in relation to these papers (App. II., p. 23 to the above report),—

"Before the civil wars the papers appear to have "been either acted on and left in custody at the Ex- "chequer, or retained (as in the case of the Burghley "Papers at Hatfield, and elsewhere) in the possession "of the Lord Treasurer. After the Restoration, when "the Lord Treasurer, or the Commissioners representing "him, had a permanent official place of business apart "from the Exchequer, all letters, memorials, petitions, "contracts, and other documents relative to Treasury "business were lodged at the chambers and descended "to succeeding administrations."

The principal part of the papers included in this calendar were removed from a back kitchen in the Treasury Chambers in June 1856.

On 25th August 1835 the Lords of the Treasury by their minute in relation to the Treasury Board Papers, ordered a selection of the useless papers to be made with a view to their destruction, and another minute of 1st February 1839 states that the operation of the Minute of 1835 was suspended after certain progress had been made. Their Lordships then ordered the Superintendent of the Registry and Record Department, to take immediate steps for carrying into effect the provisions of the former minute, viz., to make a selection of such as they deemed valueless, with a view to their destruction, in order to make room for modern accruing papers. This selection was carried on for a long period, and many were removed to the Record Office in 1846; there they remained until the years 1862 and 1863, when the Committee appointed to examine, &c. the records of the

Administrative Departments of the Government again condemned the greater portion of them, upon which they were eventually destroyed.

The same committee advised the preservation of all the papers prior to the year 1700.

The Dates of the Documents.

Many petitions, unaccompanied by a report, as well as other documents, are without date, but they not unfrequently have one or more minutes on the back which *are* dated. The date which appears nearest that of the document is the one under which it is placed in the Calendar as an approximate date. Thus an undated petition may have been received on 1st January, read on the 3rd of the month, and nothing may have been done on it until the next month or the next year, and even sometimes until several years had passed. The date of the reception of the document would in that case be taken, failing that, the date of the reading, and failing both, the date of the minute.

The papers coming from abroad with a double date, being the old and new styles, are placed under the earliest, as if they had been written in England; thus $\frac{16}{26}$th October 1694 would be put under 16th October. They consist chiefly of letters from Mr. Blathwayt, Secretary-at-War. The names of the places where they are dated are also given, as (to some extent) furnishing materials for an itinerary of William the Third in his campaigns abroad.

If the following order in the *Minute Book*, of 20th April 1689, had always been acted on there would have been no difficulty as to the dates of the documents:—

"Order'd that when petitions are brought in, the day on wch they are exhibited be entered on the back thereof."

There are many enclosures not now with their papers relating to disbursements, the period of the accounts only being given; when they were rendered does not appear. In such cases they find their place in the Calendar under the last date.

The Construction of the Calendar.

The Calendar has been prepared in accordance with the Instructions to Editors of Calendars, issued by the Master of the Rolls, as far as they are applicable to these papers, viz.:—

"The Master of the Rolls considers that, without superseding the necessity of consulting the originals, every Editor ought to frame his Calendar in such a manner that it shall present, in as condensed a form as possible, a correct index of the contents of the papers described in it. He considers that the entries should be so minute as to enable the reader to discover not only the general contents of the originals, but also what *they do not* contain. If the information be not sufficiently precise, if facts and names be omitted or concealed under a vague and general description, the reader will be often misled, he will assume that where the abstracts are silent as to information to be found in the documents, such information does not exist; or, he will have to examine every original in detail, and thus one great purpose will have been lost for which these Calendars have been compiled.

"As the documents are various, the Master of the Rolls considers that they will demand a corresponding mode of treatment. He therefore recommends the following rules:—

"1st. That all formal and official documents, such as letters of credence, warrants, grants, and the like, should be described as briefly as possible.

"2nd. That letters and documents referring to one subject only should be catalogued as briefly as is consistent with correctness. But when they contain miscellaneous news, such a description should be given as will enable a reader to form an adequate notion of the variety of their contents.

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"5th. Striking peculiarities of expression, proverbs, manners, &c. are to be noticed.

"6th. Original dates are to be given at the close of each entry, that the reader may know the exact evidence by which the marginal dates are determined.

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"8th. The number of written pages of each document is to be specified, as a security for its integrity, and that readers may know what proportion the abstract bears to the original.

"9th. The language of every document is to be specified. If, however, the greater part of the collection be in English, it will be sufficient to denote those only which are in a different tongue.

"10th. Where documents have been printed, a reference should be given to the publication.

"11th. Each series is to be chronological."

Following these instructions the general plan pursued, with papers which appeared to possess little interest, has been to shorten the description of them as much as was consistent with those instructions; but in cases where the papers are of considerable interest much fuller abstracts have been given.

It having been thought advisable by the Lords of the Treasury that the minutes to be found in the *Minute Books* should be added, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls, a search was made through those books to the end of 1699, and the minutes touching upon any of these papers have been appended, and are a valuable addition to the Calendar.

In some instances where the paper calendared rendered it peculiarly desirable that what could be discovered in relation to it should be given, the *Letter Books* and *Money Books* have been searched and the information obtained from them has been also added to the Calendar, together with the reference where it might be found.

In an early stage of the progress of the Calendar a

portion of it for one year was forwarded, with the sanction of the Master of the Rolls, to the Lords of the Treasury, who by their Secretary were pleased to approve of the plan adopted for its compilation.

Many of the papers which were originally inclosures had been separated from the reports to which they belong. It has been difficult in every instance to reunite them. The index, however, will prevent any inconvenience arising from their separation.

The papers will be found to furnish information, amongst other things, on—

Arts (Fine Arts).
Biography.
Coinage.
Colonies (our administration in).
Finance.
History of England.
Ireland (affairs of).
Laws.
Manufactures.
Patronage.
Rights of Property.
Statistics.
Topography.
Trade and Commerce.
Travelling and the State of the Roads.

And extracts and copies of documents, as well as some remarks under these heads, are here given as showing more fully the nature of the papers.

Arts (Fine Arts).

The following interesting documents are given entire, as showing the treatment experienced by His Majesty King Charles the Second's limner, previously referred to in the general description of the documents, before the Revolution. (Vol. I., 25.)

His Majesty admits that the services of the petitioner were acceptable. He seems, however, to have allowed the old man to want, and had not paid him for his

labour for 20 years, and even then did not promptly relieve his pressing necessities, but referred him to the Lords of the Treasury; whether he obtained anything from them has not been discovered.

"To the King's most Excellent Majty.

"The humble petition of David de Grange.

"Sheweth,

"That he served Yor Majty faithfully & diligently before yor restauration as yor limner in Scotland, on accompt of wch service there became due to yor petr ye summ of threescore & sixteen pounds for several pieces of work by him done & delivered to sundry persons of quality by Yor Majties own hands or yor express order, a particular whereof is hereto annexed:—

"That of ye said threescore & sixteen pounds yor petr recd only 40s, sent from Yor Majty when he lay ill at St John's-town, & 4li afterward of Sr Daniel Carmichel Yor Majties deputy-treasurer, being in all six pounds.

"That being now old & infirm, & his sight & labour failing him, he is disabled thereby from getting any subsistence or livelyhood for himself & impotent children, & forced to rely upon ye charity of well-disposed persons:

"And therefore humbly prays Yor Majty to be graciously pleased to ease & relieve ye pressing necessities of himself & miserable children, by your royal order to ye Lords Commissioners of Yor Majties Treasury to make payment of what is due unto yor petr in such manner as their Lordships shall think best & most speedy to preserve him & his from perishing.

"And your petr as in duty bound shall ever pray, &ca."

"At the Court at Whitehall, 11th November 1671.

"His Maty, well remembring upon this petition ye antient & acceptable services of ye petr, & considering with a gracious compassion the poor and necessitous condition whereunto he and his family are reduced in his old age, which without His Majties just relief must inevitably leave them to the cōmon charity of well-disposed people, is graciously pleased to refer him to the Right Honble the Lords Cōmissioners of His Majties Treasury, to take such speedy & effectual course for payment of what remains due to ye petr upon the annexed schedule of work for His Majty by him

done, that he perish not for want of satisfaction for what His Majty hath been graciously pleased to honor others withall.

"Holles."

[Docquetted]:—

"Petičion of David de Grange, Yor Majties limner in Scotland, to whom 76li, due for several pieces of work by him there done, & delivered to sundry persons of quality by Yor Maties own hands or express order;

"Nothing since recd by ye petr but 40s sent him by Yor Majty when he lay ill at St Johnston's, & 4li afterward of Sr Daniel Carmichel, yor deputy treasurer.

"Prays

"Some gracious order for payment of the residue to relieve ye pressing necessities of himself & miserable children, his sight and labour failing him in his old age, wrby he is enforced to rely on ye charity of well disposed persons."

"A Schedule

"of work done by David de Grange, entertained limner to Yor Majty, during yor royal abode at St Johnston's, in Scotland.

"One picture of Yor Majty in small, delivered to the French marquess who came to Yor Majty at St. Johnston's in 1651 pretending raising a troop of horse for Yor Majty, whom Yor Majty rewarded also with an 100li, & recōmended by a letter drawn by Dr Massinet.

"One to Mr. Oudart, secretary to ye Princess Royal.

"One to Mr. Seymour of Yor Majties bedchamber, which Mr. Chiffinch received of me for that use ye 2d of December 1651.

"One to the Lady Balcarris, on ye 13th ditto.

"One for ye Lady Annandale to Mr. Chiffinch on ye 20th.

"One to Major Boswel, who went to ye Highlands, which Yor Majty gave with yor own hands.

"One to Mr. Harding, attendant upon Yor Majty, given the same night.

"Three to Sr James Erskin, comonly called Lord of Scotscraig.

"One to my Ld of Newburgh, at Dumferling.

"One to my Lady Tullibardin &
"One to Mr Rainsford, employed in a message to Yor Majty } on ye 6th of July 1651.

"The value of y^e^ original at 10^li^ having been paid me by Mr. Chiffinch, he by Yo^r^ Maj^ties^ order contracted with me for the above-said at 6^li^ p piece, which being thirteen amount to 78^li^ sterling, whereof received 40^s^ from Yo^r^ Maj^ty^ when I lay sick at S^t^ Johnston's, & 4^li^ afterwards of S^r^ Daniel Carmichel, Yo^r^ Majesties deputy treasurer, so thereupon.

"remains but 72^li^ if Yo^r^ Maj^ties^ bounty in my sickness be included as part of y^e^ debt."

Under this head attention may be drawn to a collection of paintings of the Earl of Melfort, secretary to King James II., who was outlawed for high treason; they were valued at 813*l.*, and there is an inventory of them. *See* February 10th, 1690–1, Vol. XIII., No. 7.

King William the Third declined to sign the warrant for the arrears of salary to Sir Godfrey Kneller, but signed one drawn by Mr. Blathwayt for his salary. *See* letter of the latter, dated at the "Camp at Becelaer, $\frac{7}{17}$ June '95," Vol. XXXIII., No. 38.

Information on the history of the art of engraving and coining is afforded by a report of three officers of the the Mint, dated 2nd July 1689 (Vol. IV., 25), as well as incidents in the life of the family of one of the principal engravers at the Mint. The following particulars are obtained:—The family of Roettiers, consisting of three brothers, had a patent as engravers for the Mint from the year 1669.* Of these three brothers, one removed to the Mint at Paris, and another to the Mint at Brussels; but the eldest, who was the best artist, remained in England. He contemplated retiring to Brussels in 1689, having lost the use of his right hand; he had however brought up two sons, who were proficients in their father's art, and

* In another report of 18th August 1698, John, Joseph, and Phillip Roettiers, are described as "gravers" to the Mint from 1661.

had, without his assistance, engraved the great seal, and made the puncheons and dies for the coronation medals and for the coins of gold and silver which had hitherto been prepared. One of the sons (James, as appears by papers of a subsequent date to those in this Calendar,) continued in the employment of the Mint as engraver until 1697, when by order of a Committee of the House of Commons he had all his puncheons, dies, and tools seized, and was turned out of his house in the Tower, and the officers of the Mint sought their Lordships' directions as to whether the father should still be allowed a habitation there. On a reference to the *Minute Book* (Vol. VII., p. 93, 26th February 1696–7), it appears that Mr. Harris was to carry on the service, and Mr. Roettiers was to be turned out. James Roettiers shortly after petitioned their Lordships to grant an order to Mr. Harris and himself, that they might show the difference of their art.

Biography.

Valuable materials are afforded in these papers for the compilation of memorials of the lives of some of our public men. They tell many a tale of sorrow and of hope deferred, and many an incident, long forgotten, which looked at from this distance may not be much heeded, but which at the time to the persons concerned was of considerable moment.

There are various notices of Isaac (afterwards Sir Isaac) Newton. Amongst them is one complaining to the Lords of the Treasury that his salary was only 400*l.* *per ann.* with a house of 40*l.* *per ann.*, and his perquisites only 3*l.* 12*s.* *per ann.* for fee coals; and that it was insufficient to support his office. That of the master and worker was 500*l.*, with a house and great perquisites; also that the

duties were increased, &c. The following was their Lordships' minute thereon. (*See* Vol. XXXVIII., 48.)

"Read, 16 June '96. My Lords at the end of the coynage will give him a consideration extry, suitable to his trouble & proporcionable to the increase allowed to the other officers for this extra coynage. But this to be done out of ye coynage mo[ney]."

The oath taken by him not to reveal the new inven- " tion of rounding the money and making the edges of " them with letters or grainings," is among these papers, dated 2nd May 1696. (Vol. XXXVII., 53.)

Amongst the men of his day perhaps few were more fully occupied or displayed more ability *in* their profession and good sense *out* of it than Sir Christopher Wren. He was required to give his opinion on the building progressing at Hampton Court in the year 1689, which the King thought was in a bad condition. Sir Christopher suggested that they should have the opinion of practical unbiassed men, "bricklayers, carpenters, and masons who " had left off their aprons." There was evidently a professional quarrel on this subject between him and a Mr. Tallman, another officer of the works. Their Lordships thought they would never agree, one would say one thing and the other another (Vol. VI., 37). An angry petitioner complains of Sir Christopher not returning certain drafts, and being himself impotent to do him much harm, he magnifies the " contempt " of Sir Christopher to His Majesty and his disobedience and "insolence" to the Board (Vol. VII., 78).

Sir Christopher complains in a petition reported on about the 13th of July 1691, (Vol. XIV., No. 55) that he had spent the greater part of his life in the service of the Crown faithfully and laboriously and had not served himself. The report on his petition shows that there was 2,213*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* due to him, viz., for five years' allowance at 325*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* per ann., for his riding charges when

he travelled, at 7*s.* 10*d.* a day, for his salary out of the Exchequer, at 45*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* per ann. for four years, 182*l.* 10*s.*, and 25*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* out of the Great Wardrobe. It is stated that he had no other fees, that the riding charges, settled in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, were not a third part of the charge of that age, and the livery from the wardrobe was the same as was allowed in the reign of Henry VIII. Also that the office was a place of skill, trust, and perpetual attendance.

There can be no doubt that the office of Secretary to the Treasury was one of a very onerous character. It was ably filled by Mr. Lowndes, who was admitted to it on 24th April 1695, as previously stated. He appears to have been employed in the Treasury as early as 1679, and perhaps earlier (*see* Vol. I., 33). The fees of the persons employed in the Treasury were settled monthly, and Mr. Lowndes' share of them in 1696 approached to 2,400*l.* (Vol. XLII., 13), and he perhaps occasionally received presents for special services, when he lent a helping hand to those whose affairs required it with their Lordships; at least Mr. Charles Thomas on 24th July 1696 (Vol. XXXIX., 17), writing from Barbados, thanks him for the favour done him in getting his patent to be receiver general of the casual revenue in that island, and he adds, that he had sent a few sweetmeats in the "Bristol," and had designed to send him all sorts of sauces of that country, but the fleet sailed so soon. He would, however, send them by the next. Mr. Lowndes occupied the office until his death, which occurred on 20th January 1723–4, as appears by the *Treasury Fee Book*.

Coinage.

There are many papers bearing on the state of the coin which, previous to the measures which were taken in 1695,

was in very bad condition. The Commissioners of Excise, on 13th October 1696, state (Vol. XL., 42) that they—

"had directed their collectors and receivers in the countrey, not to be scrupulous in receiving such puncht money as the late Act for remedying the ill state of the coyne describes and allowes of, since which severall of the said collectors have advised us that, pursuant to y^e^ said directions, and to prevent the clamours of the people, and for the clearing their arreares, have received for the dutyes of excise, severall sūmes in sixpences, not clipt within the innermost ring, and shillings and halfe-crownes, that have the greatest part of the letters, which they cannot get to passe from them in payment for bills of exchange or otherwise, whereupon they directed them to make affidavitts, that the money soe received by them are (*sic*) the very same money they soe received for y^e^ duties of excise, & that they made noe advantage or proffit thereby to themselves, and to send up the same in specie, sealed up, numbered, and weighed, to y^e^ Excise Office, which they have accordingly done, and the said moneys having bin refused to be received by the cashire generall as lawfull money, now lye deposited in the Excise Office."

And they prayed their Lordships' directions.

The following report of the Commissioners for the Revenue (Ireland), dated 19th June 1696, inclosed in one by the officers of the Mint of 4th July 1694 (Vol. XXVIII., 65), also shows the state of the coinage in that country:—

"May it please your Lordpps.

"Since ours of the 5^th^ of May, wherein we laid before your Lordps, the last Lady day quarter's account, there has arose a great inconvenience by the refusall of the white halfpence and farthings, occasioned by their not passing in England.

"This has given a great disturbance to the revenue, arising by the hearth money and inland excise, in which the poorer sort are most concern'd, who generally make their payments in white, or copper halfpence. The people begin to scruple copper halfpence; if they should also be refused, or a failure in changing them, the revenue will suffer greatly.

"The plate mony has for some time been sent away privately into England to save exchange, by which means scarce any silver

is left, except duccatoons at 6^{s} a piece, and all payments under them are generally made in halfpence, and not so many of these duccatoons left, as amount to a sufficient cash to maintain a trade.

"The guineas are the chief coyne in which payments are now generally made for customs and quit-rents. They pass here at 23^{s} a piece. We are inform'd they are currant in England at 22^{s} or thereabouts. Exchange is lowe here at present, but if (for want of an export trade) it should rise, the guineas will also soon be gone.

"The poor people in the country that have no otherwaies to support themselves and familys than by brewing and selling ale by retayle add very considerably to the exise, yet are seldom able to change a duccatoon or cobb upon the spending of a 1^{s} or 18^{d}, by which it's evident that a small coyn to be made currant here, by public authority, would be of great use.

"We therefore submit it to your Lord^{ps} consideration, whither the value of fifty thousand pounds of silver mony, consisting of threepences, groats, and sixpences, may be coin'd for the use of this kingdom, at the rate of £10 per cent. under the standard, which we hope would in a great measure obviate the mischief we apprehend may fall on the revenue for want of convenient change.

"Custom House, Dublin, 19June 1694."

There is also a paper relating to standard pieces of gold and silver which were wanted for the mint in Scotland, dated 7th April 1687 (Vol. II., 29).

Colonies.

Among the papers relating to the colonies is a letter of Col. Stede, who was receiver of the casual revenue of Barbadoes, in which he says there had been such a plentiful crop of all things which the island produced, that it was of little value for want of conveyance to send it to market. It must be shipped off whenever ships could be had, for it was not possible to consume any considerable portion of it there. The letter affords other interesting matter. (*See* 19th Sept. 1690, Vol. X., No. 11.)

The merchants inhabiting New York set forth that that colony had been under the government of England,

since 1664, ever looking on themselves as free-born subjects of England, and they had defended themselves against all attempts of the French. The report of the Commissioners of Customs on their petition, dated 9th April 1691 (Vol. XIII., 52), expressed the opinion that they should have the like privileges with natural-born subjects, and not be called to pay alien duties; which recommendation was agreed to.

An interesting paper under date 25th November 1691 (Vol. XVI., 20.) will be found entitled " A discourse how " to render the plantations [of America] more beneficial " and advantageous to this kingdom."

Finance.

The finances in the reign of William the Third were in such a deplorable condition that the wonder is that the affairs of Government could have been carried on. Any one studying the Treasury Papers of this reign must come to the conclusion that a more difficult task could not be assigned to any set of men than was imposed upon such bodies as the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen, the Navy, Ordnance, and other boards, having large payments falling due, and little or no money with which to meet them. The urgent memorials from those boards are too frequent and too circumstantial to be considered exaggerated. Poor sick seamen and prisoners were continually in imminent danger of starving in the streets, for lack of money to pay the " quarterers," and this continued through months and years. A glance at the index under " Sick and wounded " will fully bear out these remarks.

The memorialists had so often pleaded the abject state of poverty of the creditors to the Crown without any result, that on one occasion they tried the effect of a little mixture of grim pleasantry. They state that one of those

applying for relief was reduced to that low ebb, that (if not kindly prevented) he would in mere despair of receiving his share have "liquidated all his accounts in the river of Thames." (*See* 30th August 1692, Vol. XIX., 40.)

In another they state as follows, viz. :—

"That unless we be enabled to pay the 470*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* to clear the arrears of the Savoy (with which your Lordships have been so often troubled) and we dayly perplext, severall of the poor people to whom it is due, do protest they will lay their children at our doors." (*See* 28th September 1692, Vol. XIX., 62.)

The miserable state of arrears of these Government departments was participated in by a large body of individuals who had the misfortune to be employed by the State. A very curious document entitled, "An Account "of Fees and Salarys payable by his late Majesty, with "the sums due thereupon at Xmas 1701," fully bears out these remarks, and will be found in an appendix to Mr. Hardy's preface to the *Syllabus of Rymer's Fœdera.*

It would appear from some of the petitions that the Lords of the Treasury did not always keep faith with the contractors for various supplies, for they complain that they were solemnly promised *ready money* for their articles, and could only obtain *tallies,* which had to be discounted at a fearful loss; but this by no means proves that the promises were not made in good faith.

The following is a specimen of how their Lordships' orders to pay were sometimes honoured (Vol. XXVI., 60) :—

"My Lords, "Dublin, March y^e^ 6^th^, '93.

"I brought a letter from yo^r^ L^pps^ to the Lords Justices, directing them to pay mee two yeares pay on the acco^t^ of my arreares as brigadier, w^ch^ I soe firmly relyed upon that I made use of most part of y^e^ 4 months pay w^ch^ I receaved at London for my officers, and proposed to satisfye them out of my pay as brigadier, w^ch^ by yo^r^ Ld^pps^ letter I expected I was imediately to

receave heare, there Lordpps positively tell mee they have not money to answer any part of yor Lordpps directions in that matter; I must therefore most humbly beg yor Lordpps farther and speedy directions in that perticuler, otherwise I shall be utterly disabled, boath myselfe and officers, to performe the service His Matie may expect from us. Wt favor yor Lordpps will bee pleased to sho in removeing this present disapointmt shall ever bee most thankfuly acknowledged by me, who am,

"My Lords,

"Your Lordshipes' most humble and obedient servant,

"Wm Steuart."

In 1694 the officers of the royal regiment of horse under the command of the Earl of Oxford were paid part of their arrears in tallies, which they had to part with at 25 and 30 per cent. loss. (Vol. XXX., 19.)

In a memorial of the officers of ordnance, dated 27th June 1694 (Vol. XXVIII., 59), is the following:—

"The condition of our gunmakers is such as it well deserves some short memoriall by itselfe. By the encouragement yor Lordspps gave them of 500*l.* weekly paymts, they were so well supported, whilst ye same continued, as that (depending thereon), they lookt upon themselves as perticularly provided for, but yt course of paymt haveing bin so interrupted yt they have in the whole not yet recd more then 16,000*l.* in part of 30,000*l.* promised by yor Lordspps, and they having since entered into new contracts wth our office, and thereupon delivered great quantitys of armes, whereby their debt is now prodigiously encreased, they are reduced to the utmost extreamity imaginable, many of them being throwne into prison, and divers more forced to leave their habitations and abscond ymselves for debt; we must therefore earnestly intreat yor Lordspps to take their condition into serious consideration, and renew the said weekly payment for the uture, and likewise advance them at least 100,000*l.* in part of their arrears, wch possibly may keep their company together in this so necessary service, wthout wch their Majts must have armes from abroad; the great ill consequence wch must attend the not supporting these poore people is a sufficient argumt by itselfe to induce yor Lordspps consideration of their circumtances."

In another, dated 25th September 1694 (Vol. XXIX., 39), they finish by saying :—

"Your Lordships have bin alwaies so kind as to pardon our troublesome addresses, when their Mats affaires have not permitted you to assist us, but we are now brought to such a pinch, in point of credit, for carrying on our business, that a small chiding and a round sum would please us better."

Mr. Blathwayt writes by the King's command from Breda, on 4th June 1696, N.S. (Vol. XXXVIII., 22.), that our credit in those countries was so very low, and the wants of the army so great, that unless their Lordships sent a speedy supply for the forces they must infallibly come to ruin.

It must have been utterly discreditable to a Government to allow persons in its employ to remain for long periods, without payment for their services. That they did so remain, will be seen in what follows.

Mr. Aaron Smith, the Treasury solicitor, and a very busy man, as is apparent by the frequent notices of him, complains on 21st June 1694 (Vol. XXVIII., 46.) that his credit had become bankrupt, he had no money and was in most miserable condition without it, and his salary was above three years in arrear.

John Phelips, Esq., one of the seven auditors of the revenue, had received no salary for 15½ years. (*See* Vol. XXXI., 43.)

The birds and beasts in St. James's Park were fed for seven years by William Story, who received nothing all that time for their food or his salary. He claimed 511*l.*, and perhaps was glad to get the 200*l.* ordered him in full of all demands. (*See* Vol. XXXI., 47.)

The persons employed for the "extraordinary service" about the King's gardens had waited for payment for their work and for goods supplied above six years. (*See* Vol. XLII., No. 570.)

It was no uncommon thing for persons so circumstanced

to look about for some one in trouble whose lands or goods were forfeited, or who were fined as Popish recusants, and having made themselves masters of the particulars, to apply to the Treasury to allow their claim to be taken out of the lands or goods. Rymer's case (*see* Vol. XXVIII., No. 10) is one of several, and has been especially alluded to in Mr. Hardy's preface to the *Syllabus of Rymer's Fœdera* before mentioned.

It is not within the province of this preface to discuss the question of the *desirability* of a national debt as a means of consolidating a government by attaching to it a large number of persons who have a money stake in the due administration of the laws, and who would naturally prefer rulers who would keep faith with them to those who, having nothing to lose, would be glad of anarchy and confusion in order to gain something in the scramble; but a funded debt appears to have become a question of *necessity* rather than of *desirability*. Under the circumstances, an honourable nation having been supplied with the various commodities needful to carry on expensive wars, which had been undertaken by its rulers with its own consent, was driven to entail a debt upon posterity which no taxation short of confiscation, could pay off at once.

It will be seen above that the different departments were put to considerable inconvenience, in fact, they were at their wits' end to provide for the public service. The clever Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Montague, solved the difficulty by the expedient of exchequer bills and public credit was systematized and came to play a far more important part in our finance than it had hitherto done.

Historical Notices.

The following affidavit relates to the preparations that were making by the French fleet, which was afterwards

engaged at Bantry Bay. It was made 1st May 1689 by the master of a ship at Southampton, who swears that he came out of Camerit in France, on 28th April, where—

"Hee, with all the English that were there and at Brest, were deteyned 7 daies untill such time as the French fleet, consisting of 20 saile of capital ships, 7 fire ships, and 7 victualers and tenders, should be ready to saile, as all these reported and pretended, for Ireland; hee farther maketh oath that hee was at Brest, and saw the said fleet, and believes they carried off about one thousand Irish souldiers, and that Friday the 27° of Aprill he saw the said fleet put to sea, the wind being then at east, and supposes they sailed for Ireland." (*See* 7th May 1689, Vol. III. No. 34.)

In a letter dated Guernsey, 15th May 1689, from Andrew Cotton, commander of the "Charlotte" yacht, to the Commissioners of Admiralty, after the fight, at Bantry Bay, he states:—

"The news that I hear is that y^e^ French fleet that was at Ireland got into Brest on the 8^th^ or 9^th^ inst, but very much batter'd, and they say all y^e^ ships in France is fitting out, & they will have 40 saile out of y^e^ Mediterranean; it is likewise said that y^e^ French has taken 5 Dutch West Indiamen that came from Cuiresoe, also a very rich Spaniard that came from Portabello; likewise there is between 40 or 50 sail fitting out of S^t^ Maloes, from 10 guns to 40 guns, all to cruice (cruize) y^e^ Channell, but if there was 10 saile of good friggetts, 3 fire ships, and 2 boom vessells, I would not question but to destroy there ships and burn there town." (*See* 25th May 1689, Vol. III., No. 55.)

The petition of Gideon Godet, a French Protestant refugee, is not without interest. He states that he had served three different envoys extraordinary of the crown in the court of France as French secretary. He enumerates several spies and pensioners he had detected, viz., Christian, a spy who received 100 crowns a month from Mons. Louvois [Secretary of State to the King of France], who was seized on the petitioner's information, and his papers deciphered; the Chevalier de Beaujen; Mazot;

" an English gentleman (whose name must be concealed), " who received a pension from France;" and the Jesuit Abercrombe, going from France into Scotland. (*See* Circa, 7th June 1623, Vol. XXII., No. 46).

Among the letters which incidentally contain news is one of 21st November 1694 (Vol. XXX., 57), of Mr. John Taylor [of London, merchant], to Henry Guy, Esq., at the Treasury Chamber. It states:—

" This week arriv'd here [? London] a fleet of Sweeds ships from Gottenbro, where they left S^r^ Cloudesly Shovell the 9^th^ inst^t^, with about 70 sayl of ships under his convoy, he having 3 or 4 days before receiv'd orders from the King to join the Dutch fleet, w^ch^ consisted of between 3 & 400 sayl, & were at Elsinure w^th^ 8 or 9 frigatts; these ships say that S^r^ Cloudsly did imediatly send a leuten^t^ to hasten the Dutch to him; & they suppose that they joynd in 24 hours after their departure; the winds having been favourable & continuing so, we hourly expect their arrivall, these ships tell me they did not see one privateer in their voyage."

This must have been some time after the unsuccessful expedition against Dunkirk, referred to by *Schomberg in his Naval Chronology*, Vol. I., p. 92, who says:—

" Early in September Sir Cloudesley Shovel received instructions to undertake an expedition against Dunkirk," &c.

Ireland.

Various petitions for recompense of services rendered in Ireland at the time of the reduction of that country to the rule of William the Third will be found among this collection, as well as others on behalf of Protestants who sought to possess themselves of the estates of the Papists. The readiest means of satisfying the claims of the petitioners seems to have been to encourage them to present to the Lords of the Treasury lists of estates belonging to Papists, which had previously not been discovered, whereupon their Lordships appear to have dealt out the lands to them.

Among the documents more particularly worthy of notice is one showing the condition of Londonderry, dated 28th June 1691 (Vol. XIV., No. 47), and another showing the sufferings endured whilst the struggle was going on in that country. Sarah Butler, widow, complained that she had lost her husband and three sons at the fights of "Agrum and Arklone;" that the French and Irish kept garrison in her house nine months, and burnt it when they could keep it no longer; they took her daughter, about 14 years of age, cut her hair off, and afterwards killed her, and when she came to the child's rescue, they cut her in three places and took her prisoner to Limerick, where they kept her 15 months; she sought for payment of arrears due to her husband and sons. Her papers to prove her claims were lost, but Mr. Fox was ordered to pay her 5*l.* (*See* 2nd November 1693, Vol. XXIV., 59.)

An allowance of 40*s.* was made to Mr. Savage, the clerk of the Crown, for each person outlawed. Viscount Sydney, the Lord Lieutenant, thought this incentive to the industry of that official had lasted long enough, for on 24th October 1692, he informed the Lords of the Treasury that he had put a stop to it, as there were already 4,000 persons outlawed, and the number was daily increasing; and a great part, if not the greatest, of that number consisted of people so poor that there would not come 40*s.* a man from their forfeitures to the Crown; and yet there must be so much paid the officer for that service for each of them. (*See* Vol. XX., 14.) The Lords of the Treasury however granted him a custodiam of lands until he should receive 4,000*l.* (*See* 21st October 1696, Vol. XLI., 3.) The Lords Justices also represented his case on the 20th March 1698-9, and recommended him for

a pension, and stated that the number outlawed amounted to 5,373; but there is a minute of 1st November 1699 that the King was not pleased to grant him a pension.

A petition under date 19th October 1694 (Vol. XXX., 1), states that the "sept" of the "Brenans" was very numerous, and a great terror to the English inhabitants in Ireland, and frequently committed many great robberies and "murthers," and they were in arms for the late King James. They seem more particularly to have been connected with the county of Kilkenny.

There are various papers in the years 1694 and 1695 relating to the affairs of Mr. Francis Babe, who had been appointed to the office of surveyor-general of Ireland, then deposed, and afterwards reinstated. He made various complaints against the Commissioners of Revenue in Ireland, and more particularly against Mr. Carlton, one of that body (whom he charged with carrying on a trade with France), and there are many interesting particulars of the proceedings of the Commissioners in relation to him. They characterize him as a man void of all sincerity, and only bent upon mischief. He was reprimanded on his knees in the Irish House of Commons for a breach of privilege.

In a report, dated 5th July 1695, of the Lord Lieutenant as to the state of the forfeitures, he says that upon inquiry into the books kept by the Commissioners of the forfeited estates, it was found all things were in disorder; that the Commissioners of Inspection had not taken due care in preparing rent rolls or regular charges to the collectors; that they had called few if any of the collectors or subcommissioners to account in a right manner; that they had generally allowed all encumbrances upon the forfeited estates, without inquiry whether any part of them

was paid; that they had set few leases under the Exchequer Seal, as their Commission directed; and that, in effect, their chief business had been *to get in their own salaries*. It appeared they had received of the King's money 1,800*l*., of which they paid themselves 1,700*l*. He recommended the Commission to be superseded. (*See* Vol. XXXIV., No. 8.)

Historical particulars of the campaign in Ireland in 1688 and 1689 are found in papers touching a proposed grant of the forfeited estate of Dudley Bagnall, Esq., to Sir James Caldwell. (*See* 7th December 1695, Vol. XXXV., 25.)

The Lord Lieutenant reports, on 24th March 1695–6 (Vol. XXXVII., 4), that the forts and fortifications were generally out of repair, the guns unmounted, the palisadoes wanting, and some of the breaches not sufficiently made up; and other works, especially for Galway, had been begun but not finished.

There are numerous lists scattered through the Irish papers of forfeited properties in Ireland, showing the names of the proprietors, the denomination of the property, the quit-rents, &c., after the reduction of that country.

Law.

These papers eminently illustrate the working of various legal enactments, more particularly such as related to revenue. The prayer for a *nolle prosequi* is frequent in the petitions.

A paper of 20th February 1694–5 (Vol. XXXII., 33), shows the manner of renewal of a 40 years' lease from the Hospital of St. Bartholomew, near Rochester, Kent.

In a paper dated 12th April 1693 (Vol. XXI., 73), (more fully noticed under the head Travelling at p. lii,), it is stated that the hundred in which a robbery had been

committed was discharged [from its liability to make good the amount stolen] by the capture of one of the robbers, who was shot.

In a similar robbery the hundred of Broadwater was sued for 776*l.* (the money lost). The matter being referred to Chief Justice Treby, he awarded 520*l.* to the [plaintiff]. (Vol. XXXIX., 35.)

There is an opinion illustrative of the King's right to derelict land, and how the lord of the manor might have the same by prescription, in the report of Sir Edw. Ward, the Attorney General, dated 4th August 1684. (Vol. XXIX., 5.) On this subject see an amusing account of the taking an inquest (the jury for which were drunk) to ascertain whether certain land in Sussex was derelict or not (*Minute Book*, Vol. VII., pp. 230–234). Amongst the assertions made is :—" Mr. Northey (afterwards Attorney " General) saies it is not derelict land unless y^e^ sea flows " and re-flows every tide." (*See* also the paper for 15th August 1696, Vol. XXXIX., 39.)

Bells could not be exported from this country by Stat. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 7, and 2 & 3 Edw. VI. c. 37, and so the Lords of the Treasury were memorialized to allow one to be sent to Barbadoes. In particular cases permission *had* been granted, and in this case their Lordships assented to the prayer of the memorialist. (*See* October 1694, Vol. XXX., 24.)

Manufactures.

A presentment of 28th June 1689 (Vol. IV., 19,) contains information on the manufacture of tobacco from that of German growth, with some leaves of Virginian to cover and wrap over it. There were principally two sorts of rolled tobacco, one bright and fair and made up with little moisture, the other very dark and mixed with great quantity of syrups.

In a proposal for the prevention of frauds in the shipment of tobacco, supposed to be about the year 1694 (Vol. XXXI., 23), is the following :—

"In December 1693 there was a great quantitie of haye and horse dung spun together at a place called Minehead, near Bridgwater, in imitation of tobacco, and there shipt off by debenter as tobacco, but was afterwards accidentally detected by an officer of the Customs."

An undated petition, placed at the end of 1694, shows that the potters, or manufacturers of painted earthenware, considered their craft in danger by the importation of "delph" redwares or counterfeit china wares and gally tiles. (*See* Vol. XXXI., 58.)

Patronage, &c.

The following particulars have been principally gleaned from presentments and reports of the Commissioners of Customs, and are illustrative of the exercise of patronage, and of the authority of the Commissioners over their subordinates.

On the 8th of August 1689 they present that they were surprised to receive two warrants to establish two persons in place of two surveyors of the landwaiters, without any charge made against them since their approval by the Board, which left the Commissioners in suspense as to naming others. The dismissal of these persons from their employment, after their approval by the Board, which was always looked upon as the immediate judge of the officer's behaviour, occasioned much discouragement and might prejudice their Majesties' service, by setting them loose from their dependence on the Board, whose business it had always been to instruct and direct, as well as to punish and correct them, by suspension, dismission, or otherwise. The choice of the

officers was one of the most essential parts of the duty of the Commission. All former Commissions had the power of constituting as well as dismissing the officers until the year 1671 (and the Commissioners of Excise still retained the same authority), and though this Commission obtained warrants from the Lords of the Treasury for the constitution of deputed officers, yet the general course had been not to grant such warrants except upon the presentment or approbation of this Board. (*See* Vol. IV., 52).

The method of examination as well as the number of candidates for a vacancy is here illustrated (22nd August 1689, Vol. IV., 63) :—

"May it please yo^{r} Lord^{pps},

"In obedience to your Lord^{pps} comands, signified to us by Mr. Jephson by his letter of the 21th instant, for the reason of our displaceing Mr. Francis White, wee humbly acquaint yo^{r} Lord^{pps}, that having before us the examination of about 30 landwaiters that were in possession, and of about 200 petitioners, that were referred unto us by your Lord^{pps}, for vacancys in the said place ; although wee did call before us every one of the said persons, as well those in possession as those that were petitioners, and did examine the fitness or defects of the one, as well as the quallificac̃on of the other; yet the numbers being soe great, we could not set downe the distinct character of each, but having taken our owne private notes upon each person, as the examination past, the Board agreed in their dissatisfaction as to Mr. Francis White ; and that was the ground of their presentment for his being dismist."

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[One Mr. Pollard was recommended for the first vacancy.]

In the Minute Book of 4th Sept. 1689 is shown the manner in which the Board of Customs exercised its patronage :—

"His Ma^{tie} was pleased to tell their Lo^{ps} he had received information that many places in the custom house were sold, and that the Com^{rs} of the Customs did take their turns in disposeing of places vacant ; and order'd their Lo^{ps} to enquire into this matter, and to

take the best care to prevent such practices, and that the persons to be presented by the Comrs for places should be agreed upon at that Board by the majority: these & no particular commissioner to have a nomination by turne, as His Matie had been inform'd they have of late practiz'd."

The answer to this charge is amongst these papers (Vol. V., 11), and is here subjoined:—

"May it please your Lordpps,

"Wee being greatly sencible of the reflections which have been cast upon our management before His Matie, wherewith your Lordpps were pleased to acquaint us at our last attendance on your Lordpps, which seeme to draw in question as wel the integrity as the discretion of our conduct; and having since, by your Lordpps order, received from Mr. Jephson a paper conteyning part of what your Lordpps were pleased to signify to us, wee take ourselves obliged to offer something in vindication of ourselves, and the method of our proceedings, and crave leave humbly to animadvert upon the whole matter, as followeth:—

"That by the law it is so penal to buy or sell any offices in the Customs, that it not only incurrs a forfeiture of the office, but also an incapacity, in the person offending, for any other office in the revenue; but the imputacon of this kind now charg'd upon the whole Commission, is too genll to affect any one of the Commrs, who doubtless (if guilty) would bee unworthy of that trust.

"The inference that is made from the method of offering persons (to fill up vacancyes) by the Commrs in turns (as if that should give opportunity for the selling of offices if any of the Comrs should incline so to doe) will not bee found unanswerable, when it shall bee considered that this method has been in use many yeares in King Charles's time, and since, without any such inconvenience ptended hitherto. And it was designed for the King's service in genll, by saving the time of the Board (taken up daily with things that relate to the more urgent and weighty parts of their management), and in particular, by alotting a share equally to each Commr of the care and difficulty of finding out persons fitly qualifyed to supply the vacancyes that happen; in judging whereof, each one of them takes himself ingaged to bee very cautious, least on the future miscarriage or unfitnesse of such officer (discovered on tryall) the Commr that propos'd him to the Board (which is registred) bee rendered in some sort lyable to the censure of the rest. And it is

to bee observed, that a single Commr hath only the care of finding out and proposing the person to the Board; and he is never presented to the Lords of the Treasury but by the agreement and approbacon of the Board, after a competent inquiry into the qualification of the person.

"Now each Commr may reasonably bee supposed to concerne himself for the service of the revenue, and for the honor of the whole Cōmission, as wel as for his owne, and it is not probable that the management can go on well (without which the King's service must suffer), or that they can bee able to give a good account of the trust, unlesse able and fitting officers bee imployed under them; so that it is the interest of each of them, and of all together, to procure such. But after all, though it hath been heretofore judged for His Mats service, and long practiced, yett if His Matie shall not thinke fitt to approve thereof, but shall direct any other method, the Comrs are very ready to submit to His Maie pleasure therein.

"All which is humbly submitted to your Lordpps consideracon.

"G. Boothe.
"Jo. Werden.
"Robt. Clayton.
"J. Ward.

"Custom House, London,
17th Septembr 1689."

(Indorsed.)

"17th September 1689.

"Presentment from the Comrs of the Customs in vindication of their method of proceeding in putting in officers each in his turn, &c."

"For the King.

"The King cōmands that the Comrs Customs shall not present to places vacant in their turns, but by the majority of the Board, according to His Maties comands at Hampton Court the 4th Sept 1689.

"See the minute of that day."

On 16th October 1689 the Commissioners state that it was one of the standing rules of the Board "to advance "those who have well deserved in an inferior station." (*See* Vol. V., 27.)

The Commissioners of Ordnance give their opinion that a petitioner, one John Harris, having applied himself in the manner he had done after a refusal to appoint him, was the highest contempt imaginable put on them. (*See* 12th Dec. 1692, Vol. XX., 42.)

On the 19th of October 1692 (Vol. XX., 9) the Commissioners of Customs state that—

"The constant opinion and practice of this Board has been by all meanes to discountenance and discourage any private agreement for the surrendering or obteyning any of the places upon the establishment, that y^e^ filling up y^e^ same may be without any other consideration besides the fitnesse of the person presented."

On the 23rd of July 1694 (Vol. XXVIII., 78) the Commissioners of Customs repeat the same, adding,—

"But for patent offices, the Comm^rs^ have alwayes look't upon them as bountyes, in the hands of the Crowne or yo^r^ Lord^pps^, being generally bestowed upon persons, with power to execute by deputy; and therefore the Comm^rs^ have alwayes been passive and easy in the transactions of those grants, when their Lord^pps^ have been pleased to referr them to this Board; not thinking it became them to enter into the consideration of the meritts or services for which they were bestowed, nor to concerne themselves soe much about the qualification of the person as to make provision for good deputyes, who are to execute those offices; and especially for such of the patent offices as have been held for life, this Board has been alwayes forward to make way for those surrenders, believing it greatly for the advantage of the Crowne and the ease of the management to take in those grants, and give out others for pleasure."

The following, although a little later than these papers, occurs in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 177, on 25th May 1698, and as they are closely allied to this subject are here given :—

"His Ma^ts^ rule upon the death or removall of an officer. } The King is pleased to make this rule. That upon the death or removall of an officer payable quarterly, he be paid by y^e^ day to the day of his death or removall. That if there be an interval

before another officer is admitted, the salary during that intervall be saved to the King. And that the salary of the officer who succeeds be computed by the day, from the date of his comission, grant, or constitution, till the next quarter day, and from thenceforth quarterly, and be paid accordingly, saving the usuall allowances of those w^ch^ administer any governm^ts^ in remote parts frō the death of any governo^r^ till a new appointment be made by the King."

In regard to the allowance to those who supplied the place of governors in the West Indies until new appointments were made, the following is entered in the same *Minute Book*, p. 188 :—

"Whereas His Majesty has thought fit that for the better support of the Government in y^e^ severall plantations a sufficient allowance be set apart for such as shall be lievtenant governor, or comander-in-chiefe residing there for the time being, upon the death or during the absence of a governo^r^-in-chief. In order whereunto His Ma^ty^ is pleased to direct that one full moiety of the salary, and of all perquisites & emolum^ts^ w^t^soever w^ch^ would otherwise become due or are allotted unto the said governo^r^-in-chief, be paid and satisfyd unto such liev^t^ governo^r^, or commander-in-chief who shall be so resident upon the place, for his better maintenance and support of y^e^ dignity of y^e^ Governm^t^. His Ma^ty^ is further pleased to declare & appoint that the said half salary shall not upon any acco^t^ whatsoever be diverted for the future from such lievtenant governo^r^, or commander-in-chiefe, and that the governour-in-chief appointed or to be appointed for any of His Majesty's plantations do not pretend to receive or take to himself upon any acco^t^ whatsoever any part of the said half salary, perquisites, or emolum^ts^ due or accruing to the said leivtenant governo^r^, or comander-in-chief, during the absence of such governo^r^-in-chief or until his arrivall upon the place. His Majesty likewise reserving unto himself the disposall of the other moiety of the said salary from the date of the cōmission of such governour-in-chief untill his actuall arrivall within the Government. And hereof an entry is to be made in the books of the Treasury and in other offices where it may appertain."

[The above regulation was prepared by Mr. Blathwayt, and read and approved by their Lordships. *See Ib.*]

Rights of Property.

There are numerous papers which touch on this subject, amongst which the Surveyor-General's reports are not the least important.

The right to clippings of coin was claimed by the sheriffs of London and Westminster under ancient grant. (*See* Vol. XXXIX., 38; XLI., 16.)

There are many papers relating to the King's right to tin in Cornwall from 1686 to 1688. (*See* 15th May 1686, Vol. II., 10, &c.)

Statistics.

In a proposal for a duty on cattle (undated, but probably about 1690, Vol. XI., 47,) London, Westminster, the suburbs, &c. are estimated at one-fifth of the population of England, and to consume as much meat as the other four-fifths.

A paper under date 5th April 1692 (Vol. XVIII., 4), states that:—

"Since Henry the 8ths time the vallue of money as to things bought therewith, is not now above the 4th part of what it was then, as for example, a person could buy as much hay, corne, cheese, &c. in K. Henry 8ths time for 1s as he can now for 4s, as is apparent from the statutes of those times."

Land in the Isle of Thanet had fallen in 1693 from 20*s.* to 16*s.* an acre. (*See* Vol. XXII., 17.)

Land in the neighbourhood of Scotland Yard, Westminster, was, in 1694, valued by the Surveyor-General at 7*s.* 6*d.* a foot [? frontage], *per annum*, &c. (*See* Vol. XXVII., 6.)

A memorial dated 21st November 1694 (Vol. XXX., 50) of the Commissioners of Customs of Ireland states that 20*s.* a day was allowed as travelling charges to two of their number, as had been continually done since there

was any commission for managing the revenue in Ireland, and as was then practised in the Commissions of the Customs and Excise in England, at the rate of 40*s.* *per diem* or more.

Topography.

Scattered among the papers will be found some that throw light on topography, more particularly as to Westminster. Thus there is a petition and other documents in 1694, of Mr. Joseph Craigg, about property in the north-western corner of Scotland Yard. He is described as having buildings adjoining, with an open court before them, on the north side of the premises. (*See* 12th March, Vol. XXVII., 6, and 5th July 1694, Vol. XXVIII., 66.) It seems more likely that Craig's Court took its name from him than from the father of Secretary Craggs, as supposed in *Cunningham's hand book for London*, Vol. I., p. 243.

Cunningham also says that "Storey's Gate, Birdcage "Walk, St. James's Park, was so called after Edward "Storey, who lived in a house on the site of the present "gate, and was employed by Charles II. in the improve-"ments which he made in St. James's Park," and there are two papers in this collection which seem to confirm his account of its origin, for William Storey who was evidently resident thereabouts, says in his petition that his deceased brother and himself had been keepers and feeders of their Majesties' birds and beasts in St. James's Park, ever since the Restoration. (*See* 18th May 1693, Vol. XXII., 25, and 1694, Vol. XXXI., 47.) The house of Lord Chancellor Jeffreys was next to that of Storey. (*See* 25th June 1691, Vol. XIV., 45.)

In an extract from a patent accompanying one of Sir Chr. Wren's reports (7th March 1694–5, Vol. XXXII, 44),

it appears King James I. granted to the inhabitants of the parish of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields an acre of ground to make a new churchyard. It recites that in Henry the Eighth's time, they had no parish church, but resorted to St. Margaret's, and thereby were forced to carry their dead by the court gate of Whitehall, which the said King Henry misliking, caused the church to be built.

There is an interesting paper in relation to the town and harbour of Rye, and the lands adjacent to the River Rother. It contains some historical particulars of that place. (*See* 18th Aug. 1692, Vol. XIX., 36.)

Trade and Commerce.

The reports of the Commissioners of Customs afford a good deal of information as to our trade.

The one dated 2nd April 1692 (Vol. XVIII., 3) is an instance. It states that the trade of the kingdom was generally carried on by men of substance and reputation; that the very nature of the trade had altered from the time of Charles I., for in those days there was no trade to the East and West Indies, or any plantation, and at that time it was chiefly driven by merchant strangers, but at the time of the report it was entirely in the hands of English merchants. Their report concludes with the following remark, viz.: "*that the freer and more easy* "*trade is in any place, the more it flourishes.*"

Travelling and the State of the Roads.

In 1689, the receiver-general of the aid for the county of Hereford petitioned for 110*l.* for bringing up to the Exchequer at London 6,500*l.* in two journeys, having employed 14 horses and 10 men. (*See* 13th Nov. 1689, Vol. V., 42.)

John Phillipps, one of the collectors of excise, in his petition states,—

"That on the 9th day of Augt 1691 your petr collected the duty of excise then ariseing within the district or division of the markett towne of Endfeild, in the county of Midx, and in bringing to London the money he there received, att five of the clock of the evening of the same day, he and the supervisor & supernumerary were sett upon neare Edmington, and was by six highwaymen or robbers on horseback robbed of 198li 2s 7¾d. That yor petr and the said officers defended themselves against the said robbers for a considerable time, and in the skirmish shott one of the robbers, who was afterwards taken, and soone after dyed of the shott he received.

"That yor petr caused hue & cry to be duely made, but none of the said robbers have been aprehended, save only him that was soe shott, by the takeing of whome the hundred by law are discharged as yor petr is advised.

"That in makeing up yor petrs account for the halfe yeare ended at Mich. 1691, your petr is returned in arrear the said 198li 2s 7d," &c.

The Commissioners of Excise reported on the case, and advised that he should be allowed the amount of which he was robbed. (*See* 12th April 1693, Vol. XXI., 73.)

The customary charges of the royal messengers are given in a paper dated 6th July 1694 (Vol. XXVIII., 70); 30*l.* was charged for journeys to Edinborough, Dublin, or the Hague, 6*d.* a mile on post journeys, and 2*s.* for every stage of 10 miles, and 10*s.* a day for every day they were out.

In a paper dated 9th October 1695 (Vol. XXXIV., 66) it is reported by the agents of taxes that in December 1691, the receiver for the county of Worcester, having sent up 6,500*l.*, the waggon, at a place near Gerard's Cross, Bucks, was robbed of 2,343*l.*, upon which he sued the hundred, but the verdict was against him. Their Lordships, however, allowed him 2,500*l.* for his loss and charges.

Again, Mr. Francis Johnson, the collector of excise in

Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, in conveying the money from Biggleswade to Hoddesdon, was robbed of 776*l.* (*See* 12th Aug. 1696, Vol. XXXIX., 35.)

Miscellaneous Observations and Extracts.

One of the most frequent arguments brought forward by the petitioners was that they were Protestants, and that they had suffered from the Popish rule. If by any means they could make it apparent they had been instrumental in forwarding the revolution, the little circumstance, whatever it might be, had a prominent place assigned to it in their memorial to the Treasury.

One man says he had always opposed the Popish and arbitrary designs of the kingdom's enemies, and especially by voting for such men to serve in Parliament as were friends to the Protestant religion and the rights and liberties of the people, and that he had appeared in arms on the King's arrival. (*See* 23rd April 1689, Vol. III., 20.)

The following shows that the vocalists had a grievance which did not extend to their instrumental brethren. (Vol. XXII., 27)—

"To the R^t^ Hon^ble^ the Lords Com^rs^ of their Maj^ts^ Treasury.

"In obedience to your Lordships' order of reference of the 19^th^ instant, with relation to the annexed petition of their Maj. . . . vocal musick, I humbly report to your Lordships that the vocal and instrumental musick were join'd together in the late reigns of King Charles and King James, at the allowance of forty pounds per annum a piece, and at their present Maj^ts^ accession to the Crown my Lord Chamberlain swore them indifferently into their places pursuant to the methods of former establishments, and y^r^ L^ps^ were pleas'd to direct the payment of them all to Lady Day [1690,] since which time the instrumental musick only have been [paid,] without any provision for the vocal.

"Which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships.

"24 May 1693. J. Richards."

King Charles the Second's physician in ordinary (who was also professor of botany) appears not to have been much better dealt with than his portrait painter, for his widow, Margaret Morrison, complains in 1693 that his salary was 4,400*l.* in arrear. Their Lordships had examined the claim, and ordered 200*l.* a year to the widow, but she had received nothing (except a tally for 100*l.*) for five years. She obtained the unsatisfactory reply to her application for continuance of the pension, "It cannot be done at this time." (*See* About, 17 August 1693, Vol. XXIII., 46.)

The subjoined petition of Walter Butler, supposed to be about 1693 or 1694 (Vol. XXV., 38.), shows how good offices were bargained for by persons having, or who were supposed to have, the opportunity of soliciting their Majesties' favour. It runs thus:—

"The humble petition of Walter Butler,

"Humbly sheweth that yo^r pet^r, being importuned by Major McGullycudy and severall others of the Irish officers, whoe came off at the capitulation att Limberick, to solissitt thire Ma^ties, in thire behalf, for a compedency to keep them from starviug, and in consideration thearof the said officers promised yo^r pet^r two shillings & sixpence out of eatch pound that should be allowed them by thire Ma^ties, which they gave y^r pet^r under thire hands, with an assignment upon any paymaster whatsoever to stop and pay to y^r pet^r the afforesaid two shillings & sixpence, which is redy to produce, the said officers alleaging to y^r pet^r that theare was not above 20 of the said officers to truble thire Ma^ties, giving y^e pet^r a list of thire names, whoe weare all found upon record as paid last yeare, and returned soe by M^r Danchford. Now soe it is that one M^r Courtny, being refused to be put upon the said list, it being filed up before, givs information against severall of the said officers, to make roome for himselfe and his cohearants, after w^ch he confesed if he had beene put upon the said list, he would make noe such discovery, thogh now he givs out it is to prevent the King's being cheated, which he winct at the last two years that he was upon the list and

receaved the King's mony, when the King paid six times the number that petitions His Ma^tie now,—

> " Yo^r pet^r thearfore humbly prays y^r Lordships will be pleased to order the number of twenty officers, wheather them that contracted with y^e pet^r or those that informs against them, and gets the benefitt of y^r pet^rs labor, to pay y^e pet^r the said halfe croune in the pound out of thire Ma^ties bounty, if any theare be, and that the same may be stopt for y^e pet^rs use in the hands of any paymaster that shall be ordered to pay them, in consideration of his pains and labor in obtaineing thire pretentions to be broght to this issue, the rather because they imployed M^r Killegrew to sollissitt for them last yeare, and never paid him."

It is stated that in the reign of King James the Second a year's pay was the settled equivalent for the loss of a limb, but there was no such provision made in the subsequent reign. (*See* 1st August 1694, Vol. XXIX., No. 2).

The records of the county of Chester were spoiling by the rain, owing to the state in which the building was in which the courts were held. (*See* 22nd April 1690, Vol. VIII., 10.)

A paper of the date of 18th January 1691–2 (Vol. XVII., 14), speaks of tea "of the goodness of what is "used in coffee houses for the makeing of *single* tea," and it sold at 12*s.* a pound, the duty being 5*s.*

The following occurs in a petition of the Countess Dowager of Clancarty, who states that,—

> "There was a custome (tho' an inhuman pastime) in that part of Ireland to toss men in blanketts, that y^e country people would come freely to offer themselves to be tossed for halfe crowne a piece, y^t the said butcher [whose widow made a claim on the Countess] was unfortunately tossed, and for want of care [died] soon after." (*See* 1st December 1693, Vol. XXV., 1.)

The following illustrates the frauds practised against the customs' laws. It is found in the proposal referred to before at p. xliii. for the prevention of frauds, supposed to be about the year 1694 (Vol. XXXI., 23) :—

"In November 1692 the shipp "Anne and Margaret," of Bristol, burthen about 40 tonns, the said William Beard master, [bound] for Ireland, being about a third part laden with tobacco in trusses, he that was supercargo of the ship, went down privatly into the hould and pulled a plugg out of the ship's bottom, which was contrived for that purpose, and when the said ship had ab^{t} four foot water in the hould, one William Smith, ma^{r} of the same vessel, called a trough, which had layn ten daies waiting for the said ship, took in all her tobacco, and runn it ashore at Callicote, and left the said ship to sink in the river. This fraud was, by accident, detected in the action."

Mr. Vernon, on 16th May 1696, communicated to the Lords of the Treasury the wishes of the Lords Justices that Signior Coronelli, geographer to the Republic of Venice, should have a gratification of 100 guineas, he having presented to them, in the name of His Majesty, and for his use, some of his geographical works. (*See* Vol. XXXVIII., 5.)

In our own time not unfrequently complaints have been made of the roundabout way in which official business is conducted; but the Commissioners for registering Seamen are a good specimen of the same thing in 1696, for they had *to propose* that the Lords of the Admiralty would please *to move* the Lords Justices *to direct* the Lords of the Treasury *to order* the Custom house officers not to permit vessels to be cleared without giving bond for payment of 6*d.* per month out of their wages. (*See* Vol. XXXIX., No. 37.)

The previous pages, it is hoped, will sufficiently indicate the nature of this valuable body of papers, the contents of which hitherto must have been but little known.

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Public Record Office,
7 December 1868.

TREASURY PAPERS.

Vol. I.—1556-7–1684.

PHILIP AND MARY.

1556–7.
Jan. 11. 1. Copy of a "supplication" of John Dee, gentleman, addressed to Queen Mary, setting forth that "lamentable displeasures" had happened by the subversion of religious houses, and by the destruction of so many notable libraries; wherein lay the treasures of all antiquity and the everlasting seeds of continual excellency; but notwithstanding many precious jewels and ancient monuments had perished (as at Canterbury the work "Cicero de Republica") yet the remainder, which were scattered, might be saved: praying that such order might be taken as the suppliant had devised, for the recovery and preservation of the said monuments.

Accompanied by:—"Articles concerning the recovery and preservation of the antient monuments and old excellent writers; and also concerning the erecting of a library, without any charges to y^e^ Queens Ma^tie^; or doing injury to any of the Queens Highness subjects: according to the tenor and intent of a supplication to the Queens Grace in this behalf, exhibited by John Dee, gentleman, anno 1556, the xj. day of January." His scheme was to borrow such works as were valuable and have them copied. It extended to the Vatican and other places on the continent.

The documents of which these are copies are preserved among the *Cottonian MSS.* in the British Museum, Vitellius, C. VII., p. 310: they are both somewhat injured and there is a trifling variation in the date. They were printed in 1726 by *Hearne* in his *Johannis Glastoniensis Chronica*, App. Num. III., p. 490, and by *Kippis* in 1793 in his *Biographia Britannica*, Vol. V., p. 33 note.

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ELIZABETH.

1596.
Nov. 7. 2. Letter of Robert Browne, one of the messengers of the Queen's Chamber, addressed to the Mayor of Bristol, the Vice-Admiral, the customers, controllers, and searchers of the port of Bristol; announcing to them that he had repaired to the western parts, with a warrant of the Lords of the Privy Council, for the present stay of ships and mariners in the ports of Southampton, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall, a copy of which he sent with this letter, ratified by the Mayor, &c. of Weymouth. He states that the reason of his taking this course is, that the business is of importance, to be performed

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with speed; and if he should first ride to the Mount and then return by Bridgwater and Bristol, his business might well be compared to old fish, which oftentimes is unsavoury. He further states that there is one clause in the warrant, binding him to bring with him at his speedy return a note under the hands of the officers of "the ports of this charge," and the Queen's commandment by him delivered, and of the time when, and the number of vessels and mariners so stayed; the form of which certificate he encloses by the bearer, who is to attend his Worship and the rest; that the writer may receive it from him on his return from the west. Dated 7 Nov. 1596.

Also the warrant referred to, dated the last of October 1596. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 2. 3. Letter signed by the Lords of the Council, addressed to the Mayor of Bristol, stating that whereas directions had been given that 750 soldiers, levied in the county of Gloucester and in South Wales, should be sent to Bristol by the 8th of November, to be embarked for Ireland (which soldiers had arrived as they understood, and were detained by the wind); Her Majesty then thought it good that so many as had not been shipped should not embark at all, but that the Mayor should discharge the shipping, and receive the armour, weapons, and coats of the soldiers, and cause them to be taken care of, until it be thought meet again to address them thither. Enjoining on the Mayor to charge the lieutenants of the several companies which he should dismiss, to repair to the several counties where they were levied; that every soldier might repair to his home, and commit no disorder in the way homeward; and to give notice of their arrival to the lieutenants or deputy-lieutenants, that they might be in readiness for future service. Instructing him to pay to the lieutenants of every band 3*s.* a day, for as many days as the soldiers would require to return; and 8*d.* a day to the soldiers for the like time.

With a postscript requiring him to cause the armour of every county to be laid up apart, and a note taken thereof. Dated 2 Dec. 1596.

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1597.

May 31. 4. Letter, signed C. Howard, with the address torn away, but enough remains to show that it was to the Mayor of Bristol; requiring him, in the Queen's name, to aid the bearer Robert Bridgman, described as the writer's servant, in pressing mariners and seamen dwelling there, he being appointed to impress in that city and places adjoining 120 able mariners, whom he was to charge to appear at Chatham, on the 13th of June then next following. Dated 31 May 1597.

1 *page.*

June 15. 5. Letter of the Lord Treasurer Howard, also signed by other Lords of the Treasury, addressed to William Yate, Mayor of Bristol, highly commending and thanking him for his account, sent to the Lord Treasurer, of the victualling of 800 soldiers shipped into Ireland;

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1597. and assuring him that the way both to get credit to himself and procure the good of the city is rather by performance of such honest and faithful service than either by careless wasting of Her Majesty's treasure or making private advantage of it, as they find many times used elsewhere upon such occasions; commissioning him to undertake a further service of the same kind, praying him to use the same care and diligence as he had already showed; instructing him to obtain the assistance of John Andrews, the customer of the port, and to demand 200*l.* of him, towards making the said provision, which 200*l.* had then lately been forwarded to the said customer for that purpose. Further authorizing him to require the assistance of the Justices of the Peace of the country thereabouts, in carrying out this service. Dated 15 June 1597.

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July 15. 6. Letter signed "Jul. Cæsar," addressed to the Mayor of Bristol, stating that Her Majesty's pleasure is, that he take notice of a former letter, sent by the Lords of the Council, in favour of the bearer James Welsh; for whom nothing had been done, and that he proceed therein for the poor man, as is required in that letter, or certify how the case stands. Dated 15 July 1597.

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JAMES I.

1615–6.
Jan. 17. 7. Copy of the King's grant of 5 per cent. (which had been reserved on the customs payable at London,) to the merchants of London; to the end that they should pay to Lionel Cranfield, the Surveyor General of Customs, such fees as were thereunder mentioned. Dated 17 Jan. 1615.

Headed:—"A Table of Fees in the 12th year of King James the First, for the port of London."

There is, however, no table of fees; but one was ordered to be set up in the Custom House.

4 *pages.*

CHARLES I.

1627.
May 19. 8. Copy of Royal Commission to Edward Lord George, and Theobald George, Knight, and others, giving them power to survey and divide the forest of Braden, in the co. of Wilts. Dated 19 Mar. 2 Charles.

Articles of instructions for the same survey.

15 *pages.*

1636. 9. Warrant signed by the Lords of the Council, without address; setting forth, that complaint had been made to them, by His Majesty's patentee for the sole retailing of tobacco, that divers

1636. vagrant pedlars, and some interloping persons, carry tobacco up and down in their packs, and sell it, to the detriment of the patentee: authorizing the said patentee and his deputies to make stay of and search the packs and fardels of all such wandering persons, and to seize the tobacco for the King's use, and carry the said persons before a magistrate, to be punished as rogues and vagabonds. Dated at Whitehall, day and month blank, 1636.

1 *page.*

1641.
Aug. 26. 10. Copy of a proclamation of the Lords Justices and Council, respecting a licence for the transportation of wool from Ireland to England, and the customs to be paid thereon. Dated at Dublin Castle, 26 Aug. 1641.

3 *pages.*

COMMONWEALTH.

[? About 1659]. 11. "An accompt of rents rec[eive]d of Mr. Lawrence Blomley for the fee-farme rents purchased of the trustees of Worcesterhouse to the use of the poor almes-people of the Long Woolstaple and Lady-ally in Westminster."

The items of the account extend from 1651 to 1659.

Indorsed :—"Churchwardens of St. Margarett's, Westm^r., Mem^ll." Without date, but the last entry 1659.

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CHARLES II.

1660.
Dec. 21. 12. Draft or copy of letters patent, reciting that Arthur Hill, of Hillsborough, in the county of Down, in Ireland, Esq., for the encouragement of an English plantation and security of the country, had built a place of considerable strength, commonly called Hillsborough; declaring the King's pleasure that it shall be called Hillsborough fort, and that there shall be an office of constable and twenty warders there: granting the office of constable to the said Arthur, and settling the amount of pay, &c. Dated at Westminster, 21 Dec. 12 Charles II.

2 *pages.*

1661.
July 25. 13. Copy of "An Act of State in the time of S^r Maurice Eustace, Lord Chancellor, Earl of Orrery, and Earl of Montrath, Lords Justices, about wool lycences," viz., for the exportation of wool from various ports in Ireland.

"Given at the Council Chamber in Dublin, the 25th day of July 1661."

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1661–2.
Jan. 22. 14. Copy of an Order by the House of Lords, that John Keating, Esq., Deputy Clerk of the House, should receive 300*l.* beyond what was allowed to Sir George Lane, their clerk, in consideration of his care and diligence, and also, "for his great diligence and expedition in bringing over the commission for the government of this kingdom and continuance of the Parliament." Dated 22 Jan. 1661.
½ *page.*

1662.
Aug. 6. 15. Copy of a proclamation of the Duke of Ormond Lord Lieutenant and Council, touching the transportation of wools, flocks, and other commodities, from ports in Ireland. Dated 6 August 1662.
Also, another paper containing:—"The case of the wool licences in Ireland," drawn up with the view of submitting the same for counsel's opinion.
5½ *pages.*

1662–3.
Feb. 4. 16. "Orders which our pleasure is shall be observed by the officers of our works, for our better service in that office; the same to begin from the 1st day of January last past, 1662."
Viz., as to their duties, their pay, the presentation to offices, &c. divided into 26 different items. Accompanied by another paper, containing:—
"Allowances of fees, which our pleasure is, shall be allowed to Sir John Denham, Kn^t^ of the Bath, now Surveyor-General" [and to other officers].
Also further allowances.
Dated Whitehall, Feb. 4, 1662.
[The writing is in a very faded state, and the paper decaying.]
6 *pages* (*brief size*).
Also a fair copy of the same. *Docquetted:*—"Copy of Establishm^t^ of the Office of Works by King Charles the 2^d^, anno 1662."
21 *pages* (*brief size.*)

1665.
March 31. 17. Copy of letters patent, reciting that the King had granted the office of clerk of the Great Wardrobe to William Rumbold, gent., for term of life, and the reversion to Thomas Townshend; and that the said Rumbold and Townshend had by deed surrendered the office; reappointing the said Rumbold, with the reversion to Thomas Townshend, junior. Dated 31 March. 17 Charles II.
4¼ *pages.*

1665–6.
Feb. 21. 18. Copy of Order in Council held 21st February 1665, reciting that the bills for provisions supplied to the navy were not paid, whereby the credit of the Navy Office was diminished; making arrangements for the payment of the same, or in the event of their remaining unpaid, allowing 6 per cent. interest on them.
1½ *pages.*

1667.
19. Copy of King Charles II.'s instructions for the office of the Great Wardrobe, showing the various officers and their duties.
Dated 6 December 1667.
6½ *pages.*

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1667–8.
March 16. 20. A copy of the reductions ordered to be made in the office of Treasurer of the Chamber, by command of the King. Addressed to Sir Edward Griffin, Knight, Treasurer of the Chamber. Dated at Whitehall, 16 March, 20 year, 1668 [1667–8].
3½ *pages.*

1669.
April 4. 21. Scheme for allowances to Ambassadors and Ministers employed abroad, framed by the Lords of the Committee for Foreign Affairs, and allowed by the King, who commanded his Principal Secretaries of State to declare his pleasure thereon, and transmit it to the Lords of the Treasury, to remain as the rule for the future, of all allowances of this kind. Dated at Whitehall, 4 April 1669.
In the *Minute Book* from 4th January 1668–9 to 17th August 1670, p. 66, under 2nd April 1669, is:—"Foreign ministers. The Secretaryes of State to be spoken to about a settlement of presents to Foreign Ministers at their departure."
2 *pages.*

[? After May 1669.] 22. A paper commencing "In the Books of y^e^ Signet Office," containing memoranda of the allowance made, or to be made in August 1661, to Sir Richard Fanshaw, as Envoy Extraordinary, viz.: 1,000*l.* for equipage and 4*l.* a day, or if Ambassador Extraordinary 6*l.* per day; also in January 1665 to the Earl of Sandwich, Ambassador Extraordinary to the King of Spain, viz., 6,000*l.* for transporting himself and train to Madrid. The embassy ended May 1669.
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[Between 1667 and 1670 ?] 23. "Duke of Richmond's memoriall," for a thousand pounds, to be given to him, "according to his Maj^ts^ gracious intencions" to him "intimated, by my Lord Albemarle." Very brief.
Undated, but "my Lord Albemarle" would most likely be the First Lord of the Treasury, who died 1670.
¼ *page.*

1671.
Sept. 25. 24. "A copy of his Royal Highness the Duke of York, Lord High Admirall, his letter to the Navy Board; transmitting the instructions for the Treasurer of y^e^ Navy, established by Order of Councill of the 6 Sept 1671: as also a copy of the 9^th^ article of the s^d^ instructions, touching the prohibition of allowance of poundage to the Treasurer of the Navy."
The letter dated St. James's, 25 Sept. 1671.
3 *pages.*

[About Nov. 11.] 25. A petition docquetted thus:—"Petition of David de Grange, yo^r^ Maj^ties^ limner in Scotland; to whom 76^li^, due for several pieces of work by him there done, and delivered to sundry persons of quality, by yo^r^ Maj^ties^ own hands or express order; nothing since rec^d^ by y^e^ pet^r^ but 40*s.* sent him by yo^r^ Maj^ty^, when he lay ill at St. Johnstons, and 4^li^ afterward, of S^r^ Daniel Carmichel, yo^r^ Deputy Treasurer: prays some gracious order for payment of the residue, to

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relieve y^e^ pressing necessities of himself and miserable children; his sight and labour failing him in his old age; whereby he is enforced to rely on y^e^ charity of well disposed persons."

Also a schedule of the pictures delivered in 1651 during the royal abode at St. Johnstons, in Scotland.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury 11 Nov. 1671.

2¼ *pages.*

1673. Nov. 17. 26. "An estimate of the charge of makeing a wharfe 600 foot long and 150 foot broad, into the sea; for the service of the Office of Ordnance, at their Ma^ts^ guarrison of Portsmouth: together with cranes, storehouses, and dwelling houses, necessary for the store-keeper and labourers, to live upon the place."

Dated on the dorse, 17 Nov. 1673.

5 *pages.*

1674. 27. "An act of gratitude to his Excellency Charles Calvert, Esq^re^., Captain Genneral of Maryland:" ratifying a former Act passed in the General Assembly, held at the city of St. Marys, the 27th of March 1671, granting to him 2*s.* a hogshead on all tobacco, &c., during his life.

At the head:—"Anno 1674."

3 *pages.*

1675. Nov. 13. 28. Copy of the letters patent constituting Henry Fanshaw, Esq., and others, successively Remembrancers of the Exchequer, after the death of Henry Ayloffe who then enjoyed the same. (*Latin.*) Together with a report of the nature of the said grant. The latter dated 13 Nov. 1675, signed Fra. Winnington.

24 *pages.*

1676–7. Feb. 29. Copy of Royal Warrant, reciting that the King had granted the office of Treasurer of the Navy to Thos. Earl of Danby, with 2,000*l.* per annum, in lieu of 3*d.* in the pound, heretofore taken by the Treasurers of the Navy, &c., authorizing the reception by him of various sums, from the revenues of that office; and the allowance of them on his account.

Dated at the head, February 1676–7.

10¼ *pages.*

1677. July 24. 30. Order of Council to Thomas Earl of Danby, Lord High Treasurer of England, to prepare and pass a privy seal, for 557,104*l.* to the Treasurer of the Navy; for the building of 30 ships of war. Given at the Court at Whitehall, 6 July 1677.

Further order of 24 July 1677, superseding the above, (as in that no provision was made for guns and gunners' stores,) to the said Earl of Danby, instructing him to give directions for the preparing and passing two privy seals, for 305,029*l.* 9*s.* to the Treasurer of the Navy and Ordnance, on account of the first 15 ships, &c.

2½ *pages.*

[1678. After March 25.] 31. "Incident charges to be allowed the Acc^tant for journeys bills, and other occasional expenses, layd out from y^e 8^th of March 1671–2, to the 25^th of March 1678, for the service of the sick and wounded and prisoners at warr, &c."

4 *pages.*

[? 1678.] 32. Copy of the Royal Warrant, addressed to Thos. Earl of Danby Lord Treasurer, Sir John Ernle, Knt., Chancellor and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer, &c., authorizing the payment of 30*l.* per annum to the Bishop of Exeter, to be by him paid to the incumbent of the borough of Lostwithiel, in the county of Cornwall, the said allowance to be made out of the revenues of the duchy.

There are memoranda that it is enrolled in three offices in 1678 and 1679.

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1678–9. Feb. 17. 33. Letter signed Chas. Harison, addressed to William Lounds, Esq., inclosing certain orders for payments of "upwards of five pounds" towards enlisting men; which orders had been received by the brother of the writer; seeking for payment thereof.

Dated 17 Feb. 1678.

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1679. April 19. 34. Petition of the Royal African Company of England, showing that they had enjoyed the privilege of shipping provisions, &c., for the relief of the garrisons on the coast of Guinea, and for their negro slaves, as appears by warrant of the late Lord Treasurer, dated 1678; and that now the officers of customs desire their Lordships' commands with respect to the shipments about to be made; praying a confirmation of the privilege. Accompanied by two copies of the warrant referred to, and an order made in confirmation of their privilege. Dated 19 April 1679.

6 *pages.*

[1679. About Oct. 30. 35. Petition of George Earl of Kinnoul, by Katherine Countess Dowager of Kinnoul, his mother and guardian, and sister to the Earl of Salisbury; praying payment of 500*l.* for one half-year's pension due at Michaelmas 1678; and that the other arrears, being 1,000*l.* due at Michaelmas 1679, might be put into some way of being paid.

Minuted:—"30 Octob^r 1679. The E. of Danbys warr^ts to be laid before their Lo^pps on Saturday for the 500 li. prayed.

"13^o No^r 1679.

"Their Lo^pps intend to assigne this pension upon the Barbadoes farme, but their Lo^pps are not yet M^rs of the state of that acco^t."

1 *page.*

[? About 1679.] 36. Petition of Greenville Collins, captain of His Majesty's yacht the Mary, to the King; praying the grant of a lease, for 31 years, of the manors of Shepton Mallet, Curry Mallet, and Meer,

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1679. with the reversion of the manor of Inglecomb, in the county of Somerset.

Undated ; but Grenville Collins is described under the year 1679 in *Schomberg's Naval Chronology*, vol. v., p. 282, in a list of captains, " as an able navigator, and published many useful charts."

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1680. 37. " Observations concerning the revenue and expence." Under the following heads :—

(1.) Customs : How granted ? What the produce ? How applied ? How charged ?

(2.) The like of excise.

(3.) Observations concerning the King's expense.

The observations would appear to be brought down to the last of September 1680, and the paper contains a good deal of information.

3 *large pages.*

[? About 1680.] 38. " An abstract of the late farme of the excise to George Dashwood and others."

The excise was let to them for three years, in consideration of 270,000*l.* to be advanced by them. From the entries it appears to be likely to belong to 1680. See also *Reference Book*, 1679–82, pp. 3 and 58.

[Perhaps about the same time.]

" An acco^t of what off^rs ought to be kept att the Kings charges att the Excise Office, in case the revenue of excise be farmed."

3 *pages.*

[About 1680.] 39. An acknowledgment of the receipt of 7*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, being the single duty on 925 gallons of " aqua vitæ," paid by John Freeman, distiller of London, whose goods had lately been seized for the double duty, under the authority of the Com^rs of Excise, he having distilled the same " aqua vitæ " between 23 Feb. and 24 Mar. 1680.

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[? Perhaps about 1680.] 40. A list of certificates given by the Com^rs for disbanding the forces raised since the 29th of September 1677 ; consisting of names of persons, and sums paid them in 1679, and [one] in 1680.

[It is perhaps a copy made later.]

19 *pages.*

1680–1. Jan. 13 and Feb 3. 41. Four affidavits as to the felling of timber in the New Forest. Sworn 13 Jan. and 3 Feb., 1680–1.

1 *page and* 3 *half pages.*

1681. Nov. 1. 42. " The state of Mr. Francis Babe's accompt, as collector of y^e inland excise, in y^e cittie of Dublin : beginning y^e 25^th of March 1681, and ends y^e 27^th of June, following." (A copy.) Sworn 1 Nov. 1681.

2 *large pages.*

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1681–2.
Feb. 28. 43. Certificate, showing that there was due to the widow and executrix of Mr. Thomas Lisle, one of His late Majesty's barbers, for disbursements and necessaries, 830*l.* Dated 28 Feb. 1681.
¼ *page.*

1682.
July 3. 44. "Copy of warrant to Will^m Blathwayt, Esq. [Auditor-General of His Majesty's revenue in America], for making up y^e accounts of the farmers of the 4½ per cent. in Barbados, for seven years ended 1677."
Showing that the King had granted to Robert Spencer and others, the duty of 4½ per cent. on produce of the island of Barbadoes for seven years, at a rent of 7,000*l.*; and authorizing certain allowances to be made them on their account. Dated 3 July 1682.
At the end is this memorandum :—
"After the signing of this warrant, the Lords of the Treasury ordered 100^li more to be allowed auditor Aldworth, for the first four years accot."
[This is no doubt an enclosure. It is numbered 2.]
6½ *pages.*

1682–3.
Jan. 8. 45. A report to the Lords of the Treasury, made by Richard Graham, on the petitions of John Savage and Samuel Button, gent, Samuel Otes, gent. and Titus Otes, Dr. of Divinity; as to the discoveries made by them, of property belonging to the Jesuits; more particularly in Queen Street, London. Dated 8 Jan. 1682–3.
Titus Otes' petition sets out :—
"That your pet^r did, on the 28^th of September 1678, discover to His Ma^ties most hon^ble Privy Councell, that y^e priests and Jesuits of the Church of Rome had ingrossed to themselves an estate of 70,000*l.* per annum; and that the Jesuits had 100,000^li in ready cash; and that they had severall leases of houses and ground-rents in and about London, particularly in Queen Street, London: that Richard Langhorne of the Temple, lately executed for high treason, was trustee for most of their estates, and did act for them in their concernes: of w^ch yo^r pet^r did informe y^e Councell, in the moneths of Sept^r and Octob^r, and the Houses of Parliam^t which met the 21^th of October 1678; and upon yo^r pet^rs evidence in refference, Langhorne's writings and papers were secured, after the Councell had searched for papers which might have relation to the plott: that M^r Savage and Button never did appeare discoverers till the yeare 1680, and then had information from yo^r pet^r as to Langhorne's concernes," &c. It has his signature.
6½ *pages.*

[16]83.
May 4. 46. Letter of Titus Otes (signed), addressed to the Hon. Henry Guy, Esq., stating that he had attended, by the order of the Lords Com^rs, before Mr. Graham, concerning a report to be made by him, as to the first discoverer of Sir Thomas Preston's estate; and that Mr. Graham declined to act without an order from their Lordships: praying that he will procure an order, so that he "may not alwayes be oppressed by unrighteous dealings of falce pretenders." Dated May 4, 83.
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1683.
Nov. 14. 47. Memorial of Sir John Osborn, Baronet, to the Lords of the Treasury for payment of 386*l.* 1*s.* 10½*d.*, due to him in surplusage, upon his account, for sick and wounded seamen, soldiers, and prisoners-at-war, in the last war against the Dutch. Dated, on the dorse, 14 Nov. 1683.

Minuted:—"21° April, 84, to have a little longer patience."

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48. Petition of John Salkeld, Clerk, that he may be discharged from the fine of 100*l.* assessed upon him in Quarter Sessions at Bury St. Edmunds, 8 Oct., 35 Car. II.; for preaching contrary to the usages of the Church of England.

Also the estreat (on parchment) of the said fine.

2 *pages.*

1683–4.
Feb. 16. 49. Proposals of the Com^rs^ of the Mint, in relation to the coinage of farthings and halfpence, "upon His Majestys own accompt."

Accompanied by another paper, entitled:—

"Considerations humbly offered by the Com^rs^ of the Mint, in order to the makeing farthings and halfpence of tin, and not of copper." In favour of making the said farthings and halfpence. Signed by three officers of the Mint. Dated 16 Feb. 1683–4.

Also a duplicate copy, with some passages struck out.

5¼ *pages.*

1684.
Sept. 2. 50. "Extract of the Lords of the Treasury's instructions to the Commiss^rs^ of the Customs, relating to the 4½ per cent. ariseing in the Leeward Islands, dated 2^d^ of Sept. 1684."

The instructions were, that the Com^rs^ and other receivers were to transmit their accounts half-yearly or once a year, and duplicates thereof to Wm. Blathwayt, Esq., Surveyor and Auditor-General of Revenue in America, &c.

[This is probably an enclosure. It is marked No. 3.]

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Sept. 23. 51. "Excise Com^rs^ presentment relateing to tallyes for 5,000*l.* levyed on the excise, 23 Sept. 1684."

The following note, also indorsed:—

"M^r^ Atturney and M^r^ Sollicit^r^ to give their opinion on this matter."

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Sept. 23. 52. Report of some of the principal officers of the Navy office, as to the account exhibited by Sir Denis Gauden, Knt., Surveyor-General of His Majesty's marine victuals and three contractors, for victualling the garrison of Tangier, between 1 Oct. 1677 and 30 Sept. 1678; in favour of it being allowed. Dated 23 Sept. 1684.

6 *pages, brief size.*

Dec. 23. 53. Copy of a Royal Order, giving authority to the Com^rs^ of the Treasury and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer, to issue out of

1684. the receipt of the Exchequer to John Knight, any sum not exceeding 16,000*l.* by way of imprest, to be by him applied for goods, wares, and provisions [apparently in connection with the Great Wardrobe]: further directing 120*l.* per annum to be allowed him and his clerk, and other allowances. Dated at Westminster, 23 Dec., 36 Charles II. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 54. A lengthy paper indorsed:—"December 1684.

"Report touching the Earl of Carlisle's creditors and the Earl of Kenoule, &c.

"By the Committee of Trade and Plantations."

The report was made on the petition of Thomas Henshaw, Esq., on behalf of himself and the rest of the creditors of James, late Earl of Carlisle, and upon the petition of the Countess of Kinnoul. It states that in 1627 Lord Hay, Earl of Carlisle, obtained a patent granting him the Caribbee Islands; that his son James was, on account of the debts of his father, obliged to make over his property to trustees, and the said islands were decreed in Chancery on 7th June 1645 to the creditors in payment of 37,074*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*; that the Earl thereupon, on 26th Feb. 1647, appointed Francis, late Lord Willoughby of Parham, his lieut.-general over those islands for 21 years, and by another deed demised those islands to him for 21 years, burthened with the debts to the creditors, &c.; that the King on 30 Oct. 1662 granted to the said Lord Willoughby one moiety of the revenue of those islands for seven years, reserving the other moiety to himself, and afterwards, on 13 June 1663, the King in Council heard the pretensions of the Earl of Kinnoul, heir to the late Earl of Carlisle, the Lord Willoughby, and all others claiming an interest in those islands, and declared he would cause satisfaction to be made to the creditors, and that the annual profits arising to the Crown should be divided, one moiety to Lord Francis Willoughby for the remainder of his lease, and after that the said moiety of the customs to go to the support of the government of those islands, &c.; and of the other moiety, 500*l.* per annum to the Earl of Marlborough for life, and after to William Ley, Esq., his uncle, during life; 500*l. per ann.* to the Earl of Kinnoul, until the creditors of the Earl of Carlisle were paid, and after their debts were paid, 1,000*l.* per annum to the Earl of Kinnoul and his heirs for ever.

Further, that the creditors of the Earl of Carlisle had voluntarily abated one third of the principal debt, which amounted to 37,074*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, whereupon it was ordered that the other two parts, amounting to 24,716*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* should be paid to them in goods upon the said islands; the said second moiety of the customs of the Caribbee Islands, after satisfaction to the creditors, to revert to the Crown, excepting the 1,000*l.* per annum to the Earl of Kinnoul; that Francis Lord Willoughby arriving soon after in Barbadoes, passed an Act whereby the duty of 4½ per cent. upon all dead commodities of the produce of those islands, and exported from thence, became payable to the King, and the management thereof was left to the Lord Willoughby as chief Governor, after whose death, William, Lord Willoughby, his brother, succeeded, pursuant to a commission

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dated 3 Jan. 1666, on which the said creditors complained that the revenues ordered for their satisfaction had been wholly withheld, but by a letter in Council certain agents were nominated on behalf of the creditors to receive such part of the profits as, by the order of 1663, should be due, and to act as controllers of the revenue. On the 26th of February following the King signified to William Lord Willoughby that he had appointed a regiment of foot to be sent to Barbadoes under Sir Tobias Bridges, and that he should pay them and other forces for the defence of those islands out of the King's moiety of the duty of 4½ per cent.

On the 10th of Jan. 1667 the said creditors complained that they had received no part of their debt, nor was their agent admitted to act on their behalf, the answer given by Lord Willoughby being, that the necessary charges of the government upon emergent occasions were intended to be first deducted, that his Lordship had been at great expense in his voyage, carrying on the King's service, repairing forts, expedition of St. Lucia, the public debts by the war, victualling fleets, &c., and they ought not then to expect payment.

On 31 July 1668 a letter was directed from the Council Board to the Lord William Willoughby, signifying that the said regiment should be continued and paid out of the duty of 4½ per cent., designed for the support of the Government, and the residue disposed of for the necessary charges of the Government, and for the debts for the public service.

By an Order in Council of 22 Dec 1669, the King directed the Lords of the Treasury that the farm of the duty of 4½ per cent. in the Caribbee Islands, should be applied to the support of the militia, and for losses in ships and goods sustained in the late war.

On 9 Sept. 1670 the duty of 4½ per cent. in Barbadoes was by letters patent farmed to the Right Hon. Robert Spencer, Esq., Sir Charles Wheler, Col. John Strode, and others for seven years at a rent of 7,000*l.* per annum, and on 25 April 1670 that revenue in the Leeward Islands was farmed to Col. Strode for the same term, under the yearly rent of 700*l.*

On the 22nd of Dec. following an order passed in the Treasury Chamber for the recall of the above regiment, and for the payment, with interest, out of the said 4½ per cent.

On the surrender, by William Earl of Kinnoul, of all his interest in the Caribbee Islands, the King by patent of 24 May 1672, granted to him an annuity of 600*l.* for five years, and at the expiration of that term an annuity of 1,000*l.* out of the said 4½ per cent., notwithstanding any other charges thereon, and in default out of other the King's treasure.

On 11 June 1673, a privy seal passed for the payment of 4,750*l.* to the said Earl, in satisfaction of the arrears of the annuity of 500*l.*, payable from Midsummer 1663 to Michaelmas 1671, part of which had only been paid, viz., to Michaelmas 1678.

On the petition of the Countess Dowager of Kinnoul the King, on 13 Oct. 1680, referred the same to the Lords of the Treasury. The Countess claimed 9,250*l.*, with interest.

During the late war with the French a debt for the freight of

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ships, ammunition, wages of seamen, &c., amounting to 11,355*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.* was incurred by the Governor of the Caribbee Islands, of which 6,666*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.* remained unpaid.

There were other similar pretensions amounting to 12,740*l.*

The King granted one moiety of the profits arising in the Caribbee Islands to Francis Lord Willoughby: at his death Richard, then Lord Viscount Ranelagh, and William Lord Brereton, petitioned the King for 8,397*l.* 2*s.* 4½*d.*, expended for the King's use by Lord Willoughby, which sum was due to them in right of their wives, as his daughters and co-heirs. It was ordered to be paid by privy seal of 7 July 1673, and 2,758*l.* 11*s.* 2½*d.* remained unsatisfied.

By letters patent dated 18 Dec. 1665, 500*l.* per annum was granted to Sir Geo. Carteret, Knt. and Bart., deceased, for the lives of the late Earl of Marlborough and James Carteret, Esq., and the arrears amounted to 8,000*l.*

1,492*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* were due to the soldiers and officers of Sir Tobias Bridges' regiment.

The rent payable from Barbadoes by the farmers for seven years amounted to 49,000*l.*, and from the Leeward Islands 4,900*l.*, but by the war, plague, &c., the farmers had only answered for 20,975*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* from Barbadoes, and 350*l.* from the other islands, and they stood yet charged for their farm in Barbadoes with 7,652*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, and to the Leeward Islands 2,829*l.* 6*s.* 0½*d.*, whereof the farmers craved 4,800*l.* for themselves.

By letters patent of 25 April 1678, the King had demised the duties payable in the Caribbee Islands to Robert Spencer, Col. John Strode, Charles Tucker, and others, for seven years, at a rent of 5,300*l.* per annum, on which they alleged they had paid in tallies 22,148*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.*, there being other tallies unpaid to the sum of 3,820*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*

So that there appeared due to the various claimants out of this revenue 70,193*l.* 13*s.* 9½*d.*, besides the expense of the governments in the Caribbee Islands, for the pay of the Governors and two foot companies at St. Christopher's, 4,678*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*; for the discharge whereof there was the yearly duty of 4½ per cent., viz., 5,300*l.*, which for the year 1684 was anticipated.

19 *pages.*

Copy of a large portion of the above report.

7 *pages.*

[About 1684–5.] Jan. 22.

55. Petition of George, Earl of Kinnoul, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he was an infant, and that his father surrendered to the King in 1672, his whole interest in the Barbadoes and Caribbee Islands, in consideration of 600*l.* per annum for five years, from Michaelmas 1671, and 1,000*l.* per annum for ever after, to be paid out of the revenue there or elsewhere, praying that his friends and guardians might be heard in his behalf.

Accompanied by:—

(1.) The case, as represented by his guardians.

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Reasons why the said arrears, together with the growing annuities, ought to be paid.

Proposals for clearing the arrears of the said pension and settling the payments for the future ; and

Further proposals on behalf of the said Earl.

Dated on the dorse 22 Jan. 1684.

(2.) A letter of Wm. Griffith (without date) to Laurence, Earl of Rochester, Lord Treasurer, begging him to cast a favourable eye on the (above) petition, and also to afford him a spare minute (when the King was at Windsor that vacation) to acquaint him (the Treasurer) with the unmannerly reflections made on him and his co-trustees, in the case of the advowson of North Perrot, by the defendants, &c., and at the same time to intimate the discovery of several concealed lands, and further, to be mindful of the poor secondary and clerks in his own Remembrancer's Office. And

(3.) The petition of Mervin, Earl of Castlehaven, Richard Allibond, Esq., and the rest of the guardians of George, Earl of Kinnoul, during his nonage, addressed to the said Lord Treasurer, stating that their pupil's estate was chiefly dependent on the Crown, and the settlement of it was referred to his Lordship, and that he was in great distress at Paris, and in debt for the sustenance of himself, his brother, and two sisters ; praying the expediting the report to the King, and for his intercession with the King for the supply of his necessities, and to enable him to return to pay his homage to His Majesty.

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1684–5. Feb. 5. March 11. 1. "Memoriall praying that the Patent officers may be obliged to allow their deputys a sufficient maintenance." Dated 5 Feb. 1684. And two other papers connected therewith, one of which is dated 11 March 1684. (Copies.)

4¼ *pages.*

1685. April 20. 2. "A true copy or extract of the establishment of the stables, signed by King James the 2d, the 20th day of Aprill 1685." Showing the annualallowances to the various officers.

3¼ *pages.*

June 25. 3. Copy of Surveyor General's report, respecting an allowance of 18*l.* per annum to the Corporation of Kingston-upon-Hull, in consideration of the castle and certain land there, surrendered to His late Majesty King Charles II. Dated 25 June 1685.

2 *pages.*

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1685.
Nov. 4. 4. Rule for adjusting the rates of East India goods, subject to the new impositions. Dated 4 Nov 1685.
½ *page.*

[About 1685?] 5. "Petition of ye several artificers employed in the building ye Earl of Mulgrave's lodgings, in the stone gallery, at Whitehall," for payment of their claim, accompanied by a schedule of the sums. The date is supposed from John Earl of Mulgrave, who was made a privy councillor in the year 1685, and he is in this petition described as "the Right Honble."
Minuted:—"To be referred to Mr. Surveyor to state ye accompt & examine ye bills & report it to ye Lords Comrs."
½ *page.*

[1685 ?] 6. Estimate of the revenue and of the yearly expense, probably of the year 1685. The expenses are made on a medium of five years ended at Lady Day 1684, and the late King mentioned.
2 *pages.*

[? About 1685.] 7. Petition (signed) of Charles Bowles, master of His Majeslty's pavilions, hales, tents, and toils, addressed to the Lords of "his Maties Trearv;" showing that the petitioner's brother William Bowles, with Robert Child, Esq., since deceased, were appointed to that office by patent of 14 Charles the Second; that after the death of Mr. Child the offices were executed by his brother and father, Sir William Bowles, and the accounts from 1672 to 1675 had been delivered to the auditors; that the petitioner in King Charles II.'s reign had been Deputy Commissary of the Musters, and had declared at the beginning of King James' reign that he would not pass any officer who should refuse the oaths and test, on account of which (as he believed) the accounts were refused to be passed, &c., praying that they might be presented before their Lordships ["your Lordshipp" *in orig.*] and declared.
Minuted:—"A Lre to the audrs that when they attend my Lords wth any accts that they bring these to be declared."
Undated; but the accounts above referred to were declared in 1685. See "*Audit Office Declared Accounts.*"
1 *page.*

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Jan. 1. 8. Copy of Royal Order for the deduction of 12*d.* out of every pound from the pay of the forces: one-third to be applied for Exchequer fees and to the Paymaster of the Forces, and two-thirds to remain in the paymaster's hands; to be disposed of, either for the service of Chelsea Hospital or to the payment of the establishment of the forces. Dated at Whitehall, 1 Jan. 1685.
1½ *pages.*

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April 1. 9. Bond given by George Viscount Grandison and the Hon. Henry Howard, of the parish of St. James, Westminster, Middlesex, Esq., to King James II. for the payment of 1,580*l.* The condition was to pay 790*l.* to Sir Henry Ashbournham, Bart., and others, Comrs of hearth money and excise. Dated 1 April 1686.
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May 15. 10. Letter of the Earl of Bath to the Lord Treasurer, enclosing the several papers he had received from his Lordship, concerning Mr. Treweek and the other supervisors of the tin blowing-houses; together with his opinion on the whole matter, stating that if Mr. Treweek had thought fit to prosecute the embezzlements of tin, mentioned in his information in the Court of Stannaries, his Lordship would have received an account of their discovery and punishment, for upon legal conviction, the person buying or selling uncoined tin, ought to pay a fine to the King, of the full value of the tin, and forfeit the tin; that the owners of blowing houses and all tinners, before they marked any tin, were obliged to enter their several hot marks, or signs of tin, in the book of marks, kept anciently in the Exchequer at Lostwithiel, and of late in the Stannary Court; that the owners of blowing-houses were obliged to present the names of the blowers, who ought to be sworn to deal justly between man and man; that the charter of Henry VII. seemed to imply that the owners of blowing-houses were themselves obliged to certify the quantities of tin blown in their respective houses, &c.; that the last convocation misbehaving themselves, the King dissolved them, and since that there had been no convocation called, so that the rights and customs of the Stannaries (being disused during all the time of the rebellion) some would persuade were grown obsolete, and were not so well apprehended as was necessary for the King's service, since the records of the duchy were burnt, together with the Exchequer at Lostwithiel, where they were kept, and further that the Stannary towns which elected convocators would (if His Majesty pleased to summon a convocation) he had no doubt, elect such loyal sober persons, as would breathe new life into those languishing laws. Dated 15 May 1686.

Accompanied by the papers referred to, consisting of:—

A letter of George Treweek, one of the supervisors of the blowing-houses in the counties of Cornwall and Devon, addressed to the Lord Treasurer, informing him that he had discovered that several parcels of tin, blown the last year, had not been brought to coinage in the time appointed, according to the custom of the Stannaries, viz., at Michaelmas, at which time all tin blown in that year ought to be coined; also as to other irregularities in the preparation of the tin.

"An account of severall parcells of tinn imbezled in the year 1684 & 1685."

A petition of the supervisors of the tin blowing-houses of Cornwall and Devon, praying for an order to be made for laying out money in the prosecution of delinquents; also matters proposed to be put in execution in the Stannaries, in order to the better preventing of frauds of the King's dues, &c. In ten separate items.

"The Earle of Bathe's answer to the proposalls of y^e^ supervisors."

In this paper the ten proposals set down for the improvement of Stannaries are recapitulated, together with the Earl's replies.

8 *pages;* 3 *of brief size.*

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July 19. 11. Letter signed "Jo. Arundell," without address, stating that he would not neglect a minute to acknowledge the receipt of his correspondent's letter; and the enclosed from the Lord Treasurer, which was directed to others as well as himself, he would take care to deliver, &c. Dated 19 July [16]86.
1 *page.*

July 22. 12. Letter of the Earl of Bath to the Lord Treasurer, acknowledging the receipt of his Lordship's letter for the speedy calling a convocation or parliament of tinners; expressing his readiness to do so, and appointing September as the fittest time; asking his Lordship to hasten his warrant with His Majesty's signature for the calling the same. Dated 22 July 1686.
(*Holograph.*) 3 *pages.*

July 29. 13. Letter of Sir R[obert] Sawyer, Attorney General, addressed to Henry Guy, Esq., at the Treasury, stating that he conceived it fit that His Majesty by privy seal directed to the Lord Warden, should command him to summon and hold a convocation in the Stannaries, according to the laws and customs of the Stannaries. Dated 29 July 1686.
½ *page.*

Aug. 10. 14. Letter of the Earl of Bath to the Lord Treasurer, stating that he had received his Lordship's warrant for calling a convocation of tinners; but desiring a mistake in it, might be rectified in the privy seal, viz.:—In the preamble of the warrant the Stannaries of Cornwall and Devon were mentioned; but in the body, which gave authority for calling the same, mention was only made of the town of Lostwithiel, which only concerned Cornwall; and those of Devon would expect their convocation at their old accustomed place, for they would not come, any more than those of Cornwall, to any such convocation but in their proper country, according to usage; and if it were appointed otherwise it would prove only an assembly of disputers about their privileges: proposing this amendment, instead of naming "Lostwithiel" to say "at the old and accustomed places, used in Cornwall and Devon." Dated 10 Aug. 1686.
3 *pages.*

Sept. 20. 15. Report to the Lord Treasurer of certain officers of the Navy Office, on the petition of Sir Edward Dering, in favour of his having a privy seal passed, as he desired, to discharge him of a debt of 2,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Dated 20 Sept. 1686.
Minuted:—"November 4, 1686.
"Mr. Hewer is of opinion that it may be a prejudice for the King to grant the privy seal desired, and that Sir Edward Dering is fully discharged already, and can never be troubled in it."
Accompanied by:—
The petition of Sir Edward Dering, Knight, addressed to Laurence, Earl of Rochester, Lord High Treasurer, showing that he had a

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patent from the late King to furnish the Navy with stores, and had furnished quantities of goods, in particular in the great sickness year, and in the times of both the wars with Holland, and had suffered for want of payment, according to contract; and a considerable sum still remained due to him; and amongst other dealings which he had, an imprest bill for 2,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* had been vacated by consent between the Com^rs^ of the Navy and himself; but was afterwards put "*in super*" and charged upon the petitioner in the Treasurer of the Navy's account, by Mr. Fenn, then Cashier of the Navy; praying that the privy seal for the petitioner's discharge might pass, which Sir Charles Porter, who had satisfied the demand, had seen, and that he (the petitioner) who had suffered great injury and expense, might stand fair in the noble favour and good opinion of his Lordship.

[From the docquet it appears the above sum was given by privy seal to the Duke of Monmouth and the Lord Latimer by the late King.]

3½ *pages.*

Sept. 23. 16. Letter of the Earl of Bath without address, stating that he is very well satisfied with his correspondent's reasons for staying; that he had received the Lord Treasurer's letter, with a privy seal bearing date the 8th inst. for calling the convocation; upon which, without delay, he issued the usual precepts to the four Cornish Mayors, for meeting at Lostwithiel on the 26th of the next month, to choose their respective stannators; but he was much surprised at what his correspondent had told him, of further errors and mistakes in the said privy seal; which if he had duly considered, he would not have sent forth his summons for the meeting, but that could not then be remedied; desiring his correspondent to forthwith attend the Lord Treasurer, Mr. Guy, and the Treasury, for the despatching another privy seal to him, with all necessary amendments, bearing the same date with the former, by virtue of which he had issued the several precepts; otherwise, he must dissolve the intended assembly, which might be of ill consequence; further, though he had seen several of their considerable countrymen, and should see more, he had not informed them of the mistakes in the privy seal, &c. Dated 23 Sept. 1686.

(*Holograph.*) 4 *pages.*

Nov. 2. 17. Letter of the Earl of Bath [to the Lord Treasurer] stating that he hoped his two last, of 26th and 30th Oct., which brought the minutes of all the proceedings of the convocation, with his former [letter] of the 23rd, came to his Lordship's hands; that he was ready immediately to come to London, but dared not without the King's permission, and besought his Lordship to move His Majesty, that he might by his personal attendance represent those things with which he was intrusted. In the meantime assuring his Lordship that no meeting could ever end better that had so ill a prospect of agreement before it met. The Bishop of Bristol had endeavoured to prejudice the tinners against him, insinuating that

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1686. he (the Bishop) had by his interest at Court procured the convocation "to get them a farm" and a good price for their tin; on all occasions making use of the Lord Treasurer's name and the King's authority; acting therein contrary to his (the Earl's) commission: which made it very difficult to reconcile all things to the satisfaction of the tinners and convocators, and impossible to mention a less price, as the Bishop had so raised their expectations.

The other parliament of tinners in Devonshire which had usually been called after that in Cornwall, might as well be held, as in former times, before his (the Earl's) Vice-Warden, Sir Nicholas Stanning, who had been in the King's service all the summer in the camp, and at Portsmouth with his (the Earl's) regiment, and would not return to the west till the 6th or 7th of the month; further begging his Lordship to suspend his judgment on those affairs, not doubting to give him a true state of the country and entire satisfaction. Dated 2 Nov. 1686.

2 *pages.*

Dec. 30. 18. An Order of the King in Council, reciting the report of the Earl of Rochester, in favour of Ester de Civille, from whom Philip Warwick, Esq., deceased, had borrowed 1,000*l.* previous to his going as envoy to Sweden; approving the said report and commanding the payment of the same 1,000*l.* with interest, out of the money due to the said Philip Warwick. Dated 30 Dec. 1686.

1½ *pages.*

Dec. 31. 19. An abstract of the accounts of the paymaster of the works, including:—

The account of Hugh May and Philip Packer, Esquires, late paymasters of the works, of the moneys by them received and paid for that service; between the first of June 1665 and the last of October 1672.

Accounts of the said Philip as above, from 1 April 1683 to March 1684, and from the last of March 1684 to 1st of April 1685 (the latter rendered by his son Philip).

Account rendered by the same for building a palace at Winchester, between 1 Jan. 1682 and the last of May 1686. And

Account by him for building the privy gallery, between 1 April 1685 and the last of Dec. 1686.

3 *pages.*

1686. 20. "Copy of an instruction given to Sir Nathan Johnson, Governor of the Leeward Islands in 1686," as to the remission of fines or forfeitures above 10*l.*

[Most likely an enclosure, copied considerably later.]

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1686. 21. "Extract from a Mint Indenture in 1686," showing what Thomas Neale covenanted to do, in relation to the coining of four sorts of money of crown gold, viz., as to their weights and values.

[Most likely an enclosure.]

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[? 1686.] 22. A small book, imperfect at the beginning, consisting of an army list, arranged under the different regiments in a tabular form, showing the names of captains, lieutenants, ensigns, gunners, &c.: also the list of the various garrisons.

Undated; but most likely 1686, from mention of John Lord Churchill, who was only created Baron Churchill in 1685, and many of the names being found in the Earl of Ranelagh's account ending 30 June 1686.

24 *small pages.*

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Feb. 10. 23. A debtor and creditor account of tin farthings and half-pence [coined]. The account appears to have been made up to 10 Feb. 1686.

2 *pages.*

Feb. 15. 24. Report of the Lords of the Treasury, under their signature, to the King; stating that the master and assistants of the hospital, in the New Work, near the borough of Leicester, by their petition had set forth, in behalf of the poor there, that certain fee-farm rents, of the yearly value of 230*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.*, were yearly paid by the receiver of the duchy of Lancaster to the petitioners for the support of the hospital; and 20 marks yearly for salary to the master; but about six years past, the trustees for the sale of those rents granted part of the rents away, so that the said allowance fell short 24*l.* yearly, besides the master's fee; they therefore prayed the King to continue the said allowance of 230*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* and 20 marks *per ann.*, by settling fee-farm rents upon the said hospital to that value; informing His Majesty that the said revenue for three or four years had fallen short 24*l.* 9*s.* $2\frac{3}{4}d.$, and that the 20 marks to the master had been paid no further than to Michaelmas 1682, and advising the King to issue his warrant to the Chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster to pay the said arrears, until the trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents could find some rents in the duchy yet unsold to supply the defect, &c.

Dated 15 Feb. 1686.

Minuted:—"To rest till there be a Chancellor of the Duchy appointed."

2 *pages.*

Feb. 26. 25. Copy of the report of the Lords of the Treasury to the King, stating that they had considered the petition of John Low, Esq., setting forth that in the reign of Henry the Eighth the manor of Alderwasley in the county of Derby was granted to his ancestors, and a parcel of common called Millmoore, or Millheymoor, which was enjoyed till 1639, when 800 acres thereof were decreed by the Duchy Court to King Charles the First; whereupon, in 1640, the King granted it to Richard Nevill and his heirs, at the fee-farm rent of 35*l.* 19*s.*; that the said common had been enjoyed as common till lately, when an arrear of 500 and odd pounds was charged "*in*

1686–7. *super*," and a lease granted thereof till the arrears were satisfied at 5*l. per ann.*, and the arrears of the said 5*l. per ann.* to Michaelmas 1683; and the other arrears, being more than the value of the said fee-farm, were granted to Tho. Windham, Esq., by King Charles the Second; that the petitioner's grandfather, father, and five uncles were commission officers, in arms for King Charles the First throughout "the rebellion;" and that the petitioner, who had the interest of Nevill, was desirous to obtain the fee-farm rent, and a discharge of the arrears; which petition had been referred to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Attorney-General, who reported in favour of the discharge of the said arrears, and of the grant of the said Millmoore and premises; advising the King that the grant to Mr. Nevill, and the assignment to Mr. Eyre, must be first surrendered, &c. Dated 26 Feb. 1686.

Accompanied by the copies of the two reports referred to.

3 *pages and* 3 *half-pages.*

March 4 and 14. 26. Report of Sir John Buckworth, Cha. Duncombe, and Ja. Hoare, Esq., made on a letter of one Mr. Elia Palmer, in which they express their opinion that the said Mr. Palmer would deserve the 2,000*l.* reward, as in the letter is desired, if he carried out what he proposed with respect to the tin in Cornwall. He was to find persons to take the management of His Majesty's pre-emption and coinage of tin, paying the tinner 3*l.* 10*s.* per cent., and 20,000*l. per ann.* to the King; and they were also of opinion the said managers should have the liberty to make farthings, halfpence, and pence for England, Scotland, Ireland, and America, &c. Dated 4 March 1686.

Also, a letter of Henry Guy to the said Sir John Buckworth and the others, inclosing the paper of Mr. Elia Palmer in answer to the foregoing report, for their consideration and report. Dated 14 March 1686–7.

2½ *pages.*

Mar. 8. 27. Petition of Richard Earl of Ranelagh to the King, showing that the Lords of the Treasury here, for receiving and paying the revenue of Ireland, had empowered Thomas Taylor, Esq., to make payment by way of imprest, which was in effect a suspension of the petitioner from his offices of Vice-Treasurer, Receiver-General, and Treasurer-at-War; seeking that the effects of the farmers of the revenue of Ireland may be made available to pay the petitioner 2,608*l.*, the remainder of 4,445*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* due to him for fees and poundages on payments made by the said Taylor.

With the order for the Lords of the Treasury to consider the case. Dated 8 March 1686–7.

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March 10. 28. "Principal Officers of the Ordnance, their report upon Sir Geo. Whartons interest accounts," &c. (A copy.) Dated 10 March 1686–7. [Sir George Wharton, Bart., was Treasurer and Paymaster of the Ordnance.]

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April 7. 29. Report of O. Wynne, Tho. Neale, and Ja. Hoare, officers of the Mint, addressed to the Lords [of the Treasury], on their Lordships' order, inclosing a paper of the Lord Maitland's about standard pieces of gold and silver, to be delivered to him for the Mint in Scotland; acquainting their Lordships that there had not been any indented trial pieces made since those which were made by direction of the King and Council, the 19th of Oct. 1660, which said pieces were disposed of to the Treasury, to the Warden of the Mint in the Tower, to the Master and worker of the Mint, to the Wardens and Company of Goldsmiths in Goldsmiths' Hall, to the Treasury of Scotland, and to the general and other officers of the Mint of Scotland; their report finds that standard pieces *were* wanted, and it might be requisite for their Lordships to be attended by the Wardens and some other of the Goldsmiths, and themselves to receive directions to prepare standard pieces of gold and silver for the several services. Dated 7 April 1687.

Accompanied by the paper referred to, in which it is stated that the Lord Maitland had to open the Mint in Scotland on 1 May then next coming.

2½ *pages.*

April 23. 30. Report of [Sir] R[obert] Sawyer [Attorney-General], addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had considered Mr. Blunt's petition, and found that the late King demised several derelict and encroached lands in Norfolk, Kent, Middlesex, and Southampton, to George Howard, Esq. and others for 31 years, at 10*l.* *per ann.* rent, with a covenant to account for the profits, beyond 8,000*l.* *per ann.*; advising that the King might grant the premises in reversion to the petitioner. Dated 23 April 1687.

1 *page.*

July 14. 31. Copy of a report signed B. Bridges, T. Done, and Wm. Aldworth, addressed to their "Lopps" [of the Treasury], stating that they had considered Mr. Jones' petition, and acquainted the late managers of the revenue of hearth money with the contents thereof, (a copy of whose letter they annexed, together with a certificate from Sir Robert Howard, Auditor of the Exchequer, certifying that the said managers had paid into the Exchequer 150,000*l.*,) and that the first 50,000*l.* of the advance money was paid into the Exchequer before the passing of the patent for that management, but they had received no tallies for that amount, nor for 9,851*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* of the remaining 100,000*l.* of the said advance money, nor for 19,369*l.* 2*s.* of their rent, payable half-yearly; complaining that the perfecting the accounts was hindered by the said tallies not being supplied, and submitting three inquiries as to how they should proceed in relation to the said tallies; sending in addition a copy of Capt. Shales' answer delivered to Mr. Guy. Dated 14 July 1687.

The copy of the letter and certificate are not now with the above, but the following is a description of the paper last referred to, viz.:—

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A paper touching a bond sealed by [Captain] John Shales [commissary of His Majesty's forces], and John Hinde, in a penalty of 9,000*l.*, with condition to pay John Jones 4,680*l.*, viz., 4,500*l* for money lent, and 180*l.* for eight months' interest. The said Jones received as additional security three Exchequer tallies for 5,050*l.*, which had been granted to Shales on the security of the hearth money, and pressed the payment of his claim against Capt. Shales, the said John Hind having become a bankrupt. Dated 1 Jan. "168$\frac{6}{5}$."

On the dorse is a copy of a letter of the said Jones to the Lord Chancellor, with a copy of his Lordship's order to Mr. Aldworth, to take care that no allowance was made to the late managers of the hearth duty upon the tallies for 4,500*l.* till the money advanced thereon and interest were satisfied.

3$\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

Aug. 4. 32. Report by the Com^{rs} of Excise on the petition of Charles Banson, one of the general surveyors of the Excise, who had been bound for his brother, a defaulter to the extent of 1,653*l.* 15*s.* 5$\frac{3}{4}$*d.*; recommending him to the King's clemency and goodness. Dated 4 Aug. 1687.

Also the petition of the said Charles to the King.

A further petition of the said Charles Banson, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to move His Majesty to remit the debt. Without date, but most likely not much later.

And a third petition, recapitulating the previous one, praying a consideration of his case. On the dorse is, "21 June 1688. To speake to the Commiss. Excise."

5$\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*

Aug. 8. 33. Certificate, by Tho. Duppa, gentleman usher, of the swearing in and admission of Charles Powell as musician in ordinary to King James the Second of the private music, in place of Geoffry Aldworth, deceased. Dated 8 Aug. 1687.

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Oct. 20. 34. Copy of a warrant of the Lords of the Treasury to Sir Robert Howard, Knight, auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer and others, in favour of Sir Thomas Duppa, Knight, who had been a collector of tenths from the clergy in the diocese of Exeter. Dated, 20 Oct., 1687.

A bond given to the said Thomas Duppa, Knight, by Francis Blight, of Bodmin, for the performance of the office of agent, for collection of tenths from the clergy, as above.

Also, "an account of the tenths of the diocese of Exon for Sir Thomas Duppa, Knight, due to the Kings Majesty, at Christmas, 1686, made by me, Francis Blight."

4$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[1687.] 35. A debtor and creditor account, entitled:—"His Ma^{ties} revenue for the year ended at Michaelmas 1687, and expence for the same year."

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The revenue amounted to 2,330,845*l.* 9*s.* 9½*d.*, and the expenditure was 46,991*l.* 12*s.* 5¼*d.* less than the income.
2 *pages.*

[?1687.] 36. A paper, entitled:—"The state of the rent for post-fines, *per ann.* 2276li," in the several years, 1682 to 1687, showing the sums paid for annuities, &c., out of the same.
Minuted:—"A copy of this to bee sent to my Lord Grandison."
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[? Early in 1688.] 37. A proposal as to the pre-emption and coinage of tin, if the King should manage the tin in co-partnership. In four clauses; also a supplement to the former proposal, for His Majesty keeping the whole pre-emption to himself.
Without date, but supposed to be early in 1688, from the subject of the management of the tin being then much under consideration.
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Jan. 19. 38. A memorandum or schedule, signed "Fran. Blight," as to sums due by him to Sir Thomas Duppa, Knight, on the receipt of the tenths of the diocese of Exeter, in which he promises to pay 137*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* due to the said Sir Thomas by bill of exchange, &c.
Dated, 19 Jan. 1687.
1 *page.*

Jan. 31. 39. Proposal by some persons calling themselves J. K. and Company, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, under the signature of the Earl of Bath, who had authority to contract with the said persons; viz., to join His Majesty in partnership for the pre-emption and coinage of tin. The said company promised to use their utmost endeavours to advance this branch of His Majesty's revenue by improving the price of tin, and in coining pence, half-pence, and farthings of intrinsic value for England, Scotland, Ireland, and the American plantations. Dated, 31 Jan. 1687.
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[?About Jan.] 40. "An explanation of the Earle of Bathe's last proposall, with an additionall proposall, concerning the tynne farme."
Stating that J. K. & Co., London merchants, proposed to pay the tinner 3*l.* 10*s.* per cent., stannary weight, and to His Majesty, for his pre-emption and coinage duty of tin, 16,000*l. per ann.*, and would leave the coinage of farthings and half-pence to the King's disposal, or they would pay for the whole 18,000*l.*, as farmers, for 11 or 21 years. Signed by the Earl.
Undated, but probably about January 1687–8, by comparison with the above paper of 31 Jan. 1687–8.
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[?Jan.] 41. "A calculation of what money must be advanced to pay for one years tynn, at 3 *li.* 10*s.* per c., and what profit may be made when sold."

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Undated, but probably about Jan. 1687–8 by comparison with others.

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[? About Jan.] 42. Proposals made to the King, if he should keep the tin in his own hands, and manage it by three Com^rs, viz., if the King provided 60,000*l.* for the coinage, the proposer would give security for one year's tin over and above the 60,000*l.*, to be paid by the King at the interest of 4*l.* 10*s.* per cent. He and two other Comm^rs. would expect for the management 2*s.* 6*d.* out of every pound, *i.e.*, one-eighth of the profits, after all charges, interest, &c., in Cornwall and London were deducted, and to be at liberty to coin as many pence, half-pence, and farthings as would be exhausted in the King's dominions.

Undated, but see other papers in Jan. 1687–8.

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[About Jan.] 43. A paper headed:—"Several proposals made by London merchants concerning His Majesty's pre-emption and coinage of tin unto the Earl of Bath, Lord Warden of the Stannaries, and presented by his Lordship to the Right Honourable the Lords Com^rs of His Majesty's Treasury, according to the commission given unto the said Earl, to treat concerning the same."

Undated, but about Jan. 1687–8, by comparison with another paper of 31 Jan. 1687–8.

2 *pages.*

[?March or April.] 44. A paper headed:—"The Case of the Tynn rightly stated," showing what the King's rights were in relation to the tin in Devon and Cornwall, asserting, 1stly, that in all grants the King reserved 4*s.* a cwt. for tin made in Cornwall, and that the tinners were obliged to bring all their tin to the four towns of Liskerd, Lostwithiel, Truro, and Helston to be stamped; 2ndly, that the King could take the whole tin made, at the market price, which was settled by a convocation of tinners, "who are a parliament"; 3rdly, that this taking the tin is called pre-emption, because the King had the privilege to buy it before all others, the contract being made by the Lord Warden, and by the convocation of 24 tinners, and every law made by them, as much obliged every tinner as an act of the three estates of Parliament did every individual member of the kingdom. It then traces the history of this pre-emption from the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and shows the reasons the late farmers did not gain by their contract, and the reasons why the pre-emption of tin at 3*l.* 10*s.* per cwt. might be managed to better advantage. It further lays down directions, by the observance of which the controller might prevent embezzlement of tin; and then gives reasons why, in the contract now to be made the tinners could not, as formerly, receive their money at Truro on certain days, after all the tin of the county was coined, except it were agreed upon at the convocation.

Undated, but probably in March or April 1688, as there was a

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proposal to take all the tin to be raised in Cornwall and Devon at 3*l.* 10*s.* per cwt., dated 30 April 1688.

2 *pages and* 2 *lines.*

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April 24. 45. Letter of John Shales, Esq., addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had informed the gentlemen who had proposed to give two-thirds of the clear profits for the management of the King's pre-emption of tin, that their Lordships were inclined to take 10,000*l. per annum* for the said two-thirds, which proposal some of them readily embraced, but when Sir Henry Hobart returned to town and advised with them they were discouraged, and were inclined to adhere to their first proposition, giving summarily their reasons. Dated 24 April 1688.

Accompanied by:—(1.) "The proposall of Mr. Shales & al. for y^e^ præemption of tyn," under eight divisions. Signed by Sir H. Hobart and six others.

(2.) A copy of the same, to which are subjoined four considerations by the said John Shales. Dated, 28 February 1687–8.

(3.) "A computation of the Kings two-thirds of the præemption of tynn."

(4.) "Methods to consume y^e^ tinn of England beyond its form^r^ consumption, to y^e^ advantage of his Ma^tie^., in His customes and excise," under four divisions.

(5.) Some trifling memoranda about Sir Henry "Hubbard" and others.

6 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 30. 46. A paper addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, signed by the Earl of Bath, stating, by way of introduction, that he had conceived, that by their Lordships' order of 10 Feb. last, the King had laid aside his resolutions to a partnership with the merchants of London in the pre-emption and coinage duty of tin; that before he took his journey into the west, he released the merchants by him procured for partnership, that they might attend their Lordships, with their proposals for the said farm, if willing to engage in it alone; but the said Earl had received fresh advice from those merchants, which occasioned the letter written by him from Plymouth; that the expectation of the country seemed much raised by the King's letters, communicated to the convocation or parliament of tinners; but what merchants were likely to undertake that farm their Lordships best knew; nevertheless as their Lordships had encouraged the said Earl to renew his endeavours, and as they were free to receive any new proposals for farming the said pre-emption and coinage duty of tin, he had discoursed with persons of experience, and the accompanying proposal, dated 30 April 1688, was the result.

Then follows the said proposal, in five clauses. Accompanied by a query in relation to the second clause, with the answer thereto.

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[Perhaps April or May.] 47. A paper docquetted:—"Tyn affairs."

Memoranda, under four heads, for inquiries to be made as to the quantity, value, and disposal of the tin; perhaps with a view to

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May 31. 48. "The further answer of the present undertakers for the Tynn Farme," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, and signed by the Earl of Bath. Dated 31 May 1688.
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May. 49. Draft of Articles of Agreement between the Right Hon. John Lord Belasyse and other Com^rs^ of the Treasury, on behalf of the King of the one part, and the Right Hon. John Earl of Bath, for himself and partners on the other; covenanting to take all the tin raised in the Stannaries of Devon and Cornwall for 11 years, commencing 24 June then coming, at 3*l.* 10*s.* per cent., and to pay for a farm of the sole pre-emption of tin and the duty commonly called the coinage duty, during the same period, 4*s.*, "for every hundred of tin." Dated [ ] May 1688.
One side of a large sheet.

June 2. 50. A paper signed by the Earl of Bath, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, expressing the willingness of the undertakers for the tin farm to agree to the terms of a paper dated 31 May, concerning the limitation of the tin coins, and further stating that they had empowered the said Earl to sign the contract in relation to the said tin farm. Dated 2 June 1688.
Accompanied by the paper referred to.
1½ *pages.*

June 26. 51. Memorial of the farmers of His Majesty's pre-emption and coinage duty of tin; praying that all the engines, presses, tools, and utensils belonging to the King in Skinners' Hall, which were made use of for the late tin farthings, might be delivered by inventory to Mr. Richard Holt of London, merchant, one of the farmers, or to Mr. Eliah Palmer, for the use of the said farmers; and that they might have the use of Skinners' Hall till 8 August then next coming, when the rent paid by His Majesty would expire; in order that they might prepare their patterns of pence, half-pence, and farthings for the King's approbation; and that they might consider whether it would be fitting to continue the Stannary mint there or remove it. Signed "Bathe." Dated 26 June 1688.
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[About June.] 52. Petition of William Allwood and divers others, on behalf of themselves and many others having estates near the Thames, in the parishes of Bermondsey and Redriffe, in the county of Surrey, to the number of 100 persons and more; addressed to the Lords of the Treasury; praying them to stop any new grant to the Earl of Terrington, or any others, and all proceedings in respect to a patent granted to Isaac Marryot, to their detriment.
Also copies of Marryot's petition, which was referred by the Lords of the Treasury to the Attorney-General, and his report thereon,

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dated 21 June 1688, together with the copy of a "*cessat processus*" against Isaac Marryott's proceedings.
4 *sheets.*

July 12. 53. "An inventory of the presses, engines, tooles, goods, & other utensills, belonging to His Majtie att Skinners Hall, taken this 12th of July 1688, and delivered to Mr. Richart Holt, mcht, pursuant to the Rt Honble the Lords of the Treasury's order," dated the 3rd July 1688.
With an acknowledgment of the receipt of the same by the said Richard Holt.
It is docquetted :—" October 15th, 1689," so that it seems to be a copy.
2 *long pages.*

July 17. 54. Royal Warrant to John Lord Belasyse and the rest of the Comrs of the Treasury, ordering them to issue their warrant for the cutting of certain woods in the forest of Dean, in the co. of Gloucester, to the value of 800*l.* per annum, without prejudice to the forest, &c. Dated 17 July 1688.
Also "an account of such wood and underwoods within His Mats forrest of Deane as may, without any prejudice to the said forrest, be cutt downe in the places hereunder menc̃oned, and which will never be tymber or of greater value than now it is."
4½ *pages.*

Aug. 30. 55. Report of three officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, on the nature of the office of controller of the tin farm: giving an exact account of what the controller's duties would be; for the discharge of which he would require at least two deputies or clerks, with the constant care and diligence of the controller himself; and stating their opinion, that he would deserve a salary of 500*l.* or 600*l.* a year. Dated Mint, 30 August 1688.
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Sept. 15. 56. Petition of Anthony Eyre, Esq., addressed to the King, showing that the manor of Minshall-Vernon, in Cheshire, had been conveyed in 1663 by the King [when Duke of York] and certain trustees, to Col. Anthony Eyre, the petitioner's father; but that the conveyance being in the hands of Serjeant Bigland, in his chambers at Grays Inn, was burnt, praying a grant or confirmation of the same grant, as he was about granting long leases of the said estate.
On Sept. 8, 1688, the King referred the petition to the Lords of the Treasury. This reference is signed by "Sunderland." On 13 Sept. they referred it to Mr. Attorney-General, who subjoined his report thereon. Dated 15 Sept. 1688, advising the confirmation of the same.
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Oct. 5. 57. Reply, signed by four persons on behalf of themselves and company of contractors for the pre-emption of tin, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to a letter from the said Lords, desiring the payment of the remainder of the 8,000*l.*; stating that they

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were ready to pay the same as soon as they could have their patent passed, according to the contract; but immediately after the contract was made the Prince of Wales was born, upon which event their Lordships concurred with the Earl of Bath, that they had need of good counsel, and ever since had been the long vacation, and the said Earl was gone to the "convocation" in the west, and they dare not proceed to any conclusion till his Lordship's return; they had in the meantime performed their parts to the tinners, and paid them 3*l.* 10*s.* per cent. for all their tin, and lent them money gratis, and though the difficulties of the times were such that they could not sell any of their farmed tin, yet they had made full provision to pay for all the tin. Dated 5 Oct. 1688.

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Oct. 23. 58. Letter of the Earl of Bath addressed to Lord Godolphin, stating that in his last he had given an account of the proceedings of the convocation or parliament of tinners at Lostwithiel, which had adjourned to Saltash. He had made his Lordship's compliment to his countrymen, the gentlemen of the said Cornish parliament, who returned thanks for his Lordship's favour. On Thursday the 11th inst. the convocation met at Saltash, when he thought there would be nothing to do but sign the laws and ratify the agreement for the farm; but instead, he found the influence of the times had so wrought on their tempers that some were grown peevish and suspicious, and started new jealousies and difficulties, which engaged them in disputes till Saturday afternoon, when he was forced to acquaint them that the King's service called him to Plymouth, and the next day being the King's birthday, he invited several of them over with him, and the convocation was adjourned to Monday, at which time he hoped they would have been better qualified, but found still the same heats; but at last the agreement (of which the enclosed was a copy) was sealed. He then went to Tavistock to the Devonshire parliament of tinners; their interest in tin was small in comparison with Cornwall, but their concern for their privileges as great as the others, but the matter was finally brought to a conclusion, as his Lordship would find by the enclosed copy. The reason the contractors had not paid the 8,000*l.* he conceived was, the general disturbance of affairs, and because their patent was not passed. He hoped there would be no further delay, unless the present storm that hung over them were a disturbance to their measures. He need not remind his Lordship of his pains, trouble and expense, but hoped his petition would be attended to. He had lent his name to encourage responsible men and "undertakers," but hoped he might be excused from involving his fortune, and that his name might be left out of the patent. His Majesty's proclamation and Order in Council reached Cornwall last night, and would give great satisfaction and assurance of His Majesty's gracious resolutions throughout England; but the corporations in Cornwall (making up a great part of the exceptions in the proclamation) would not equally enjoy the royal favours. His Majesty had commanded him by that post to take care of the city of Exeter,

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and to raise some part of the militia to secure the peace of it under such officers as he could put no confidence in. Exeter was a place of vast importance, therefore he craved His Majesty's more particular directions. The Mayor, who was major of the militia of Exeter, was a person in whom he had no confidence, as he had often faithfully acquainted the King; the rest of the officers had tendered him their commissions, and desired to be excused from serving under him (the Mayor), so that his Lordship might easily judge what was to be expected from such a commander in case of necessity. He had not thought fit to remove him, but would be glad of His Majesty's pleasure therein by the next post. Without putting the militia of that city into better hands it was impossible (unless the King sent some of his standing forces) to preserve that important place long in peace, or defend it against an enemy. Dated Plymouth, 23 Oct. 1688.

Accompanied by the two agreements referred to.

10½ *pages.*

Dec. 8. 59. Declaration of John Smith, gent., Receiver General of the Revenues of the King in the counties of Norfolk and Huntingdon, finished at Michaelmas 1681. Declared 8 Dec. 1688.

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Dec. 27. 1. Memorandum showing that there was 16,000*l.* due from the farmers of the pre-emption and coinage duty of tin, and though they might deserve some allowances on account of the difficulty of the times, yet they should pay the duty for three coinages. Dated 27 Dec. 1688.

Minuted:—"Mr. Godolphin to certify what the farmers have received on the 3 coynages, & how much of it they have paid."

1 *page* (*quarto*).

Dec. 27. 2. "An accompt of money remaining due to discharge the expence of His Mats household and stables, payable out of the Cofferers office, for the quarter ended at Michaelmas 1688," &c. Dated 27 Dec. 1688.

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Dec. 31. 3. Money owing at the Victualling Office for victualling His Majesty's Navy before the 31st December 1688.

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1686 and 1688. 4. Two fragmentary papers relating to orders made for the management of the receipt of the Exchequer. They are dated 11 Oct. 1686 and 28 Oct. 1688; but they are copies made much later.

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[? About 1688.] 5. Petition of the Lord Mountjoy and Col. George Villiers, addressed to the King, praying that certain payments called off-reckonings might be made to them, they being liable to the just demands of the officers and soldiers lately under their command; and also for the contracts made with the clothiers of their regiments.

Undated.—A Lord Mountjoy went from Ireland to Paris Jan. 1688–9, where he was committed to the Bastile. See *Thomas' Historical Notes, p.* 827.

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[? 1688.] 6. Various charges and expenses in passing the accounts of the Com^rs^ of the revenue of Excise, allowed in the account ended Midsummer 1688.

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[1688.] 7. Other similar charges.

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Jan. 10. 8. "The case of George, Earl of Northampton."

He seeks to obtain an arrear of 3,300*l.* due to his father at his death (at Christmas 1681), for his fee and salary as Constable of the Tower. Dated on the dorse 10 Jan. 1688.

It is not addressed, but on the dorse is this memorandum:—

"Referred to Sir Robert Howard to certify what is due."

1 *page* (*quarto*).

Jan. 23. 9. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Peter Davall, concerning the seizure of certain hats alleged to belong to a French Protestant (the petitioner's brother), who was anxious to escape from France, stating that there was nothing but the allegation of the petitioner to show that they *did* belong to a French Protestant, and that by the manner of their conveyance they did not think there was any ignorance of their importation. Dated 23 Jan. 1688.

Minuted:—"Refused."

Accompanied by the petition, a memorial from the officers who seized the same, and a paper giving some account of the manner in which the said hats arrived here.

3½ *pages.*

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Feb. 21. 10. Copy of indenture made between the Duchess of Cleveland and William Young, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Esq., of the first part, Charles Dartiquenave and John Trussell of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, gentlemen, of the second part, and George, Earl and Duke of Northumberland, natural son of the late King Charles the Second of the third part, witnessing the sale by the said William Young unto the said Charles Dartiquenave and John Trussell, of the office of keeper of the middle or north park, the office of palliator or paler of the same, and of mower of the brakes of the park of Hampton

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Court, with the fees, &c.; the office of keeper of Bushy Park, or the South Park of Hampton Court, and the fees, &c.; also the mansion of the honour of Hampton Court, together with other edifices; the office of Feodary of the honour of Hampton Court; the office of Ranger, Chief Master, and Governor of the said parks; the office of bailiff and collector of rents, &c., of the manors of Teddington, East Moulsey, and Imber; the office of keeper of the new park of Hampton Court and paler of the same, together with the wages and fees for the same; the office of steward of houses and manors in the chace of Hampton Court, viz., Byfleet, Richmond, Ashtead, and Redriffe; the office of lieutenant and keeper of the chace of Hampton Court; the office of bailiff and collector of rents of the manors of Oatland and Walton Leigh, and of farms, &c., in Waybridge, Walton, Esher, Chertsey, and Chobham; the office of bailiff of houses and manors of Byfleet and Ashtead; the "office of bailiwick" of Surrey called Bagshot bailiwick in the forest of Windsor; the office of steward of the manor of Worplesdon, and the office of steward of the manors of Chertsey, Hardwick, Egham and Thorpe, during the life of the said Duchess. Dated 21 Feb. 1688.

9 *pages* (*brief size*).

March 3. 11. An account of what remained due to the Lord Lansdowne, as Envoy in Spain, for services ending 3 March 1688–9; in all 5,725*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*

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March 11. 12. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them a letter of John Bolitho, their officer, upon the islands of Scilly, being a complaint against Lieut. Kaworth, the Commander-in-Chief of the said islands, for obstructing him in his duty, and for forbidding the payment of customs in the said island and seizing the money arising by the customs. Dated 11 March 1688–9.

Minuted:—"The Lieut. gone and nothing to be donn."

Accompanied by the said letter.

1 *page and* 2 *half pages.*

March 12. 13. Proposal addressed to the Lords of the Treasury by C. Godolphin, that as the farmers of the pre-emption and coinage duty of tin had departed from their contract, the terms of which were to take all the tin at 3*l.* 10*s.* per cwt., they should be called on to pay the 8,000*l.* for a half-year's rent, as it would be a public dis-service that the fabric of tin coins should be longer discontinued, or the presses and tools remain in their custody. Dated 12 March 1688.

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[About March 19.] 14. Petition of John Barber, embroiderer, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that 476*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* were due to him for work done by him for the Royal Chapel at Whitehall and else-

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1688–9. where, bespoken by King James II., and never used but by him and his consort, praying that it might be paid.

Accompanied by a certificate from officers of the Great Wardrobe. Dated March 19, 1688–9.

[See another copy under 11 April 1692, which has a minute on it that "nothing can be done."]

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March 21. 15. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before their Lordships,—

(1.) The petition of Mr. Charles Orchard, customer and collector at the port of Exeter, with copies of affidavits and receipts annexed for moneys paid to persons therein named for His Majesty's use, amounting to 2,091*l.* 6*s.*

(2.) A memorial from Capt. Warren, customer and collector of the port of Plymouth, with copy of a receipt for 500*l.* by him paid to Anthony Row, Esq., for His Majesty's use.

(3.) Copy of a paper from Mr. John Kent, collector of the port of Penryn, touching 201*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*, taken from him by Sir Peter Killigrew, who came with an armed force to his house after 10 o'clock at night, Sir Peter saying that the King was his tenant, and Pendennis Castle wanted repairing, and with the money he would repair it; and further touching the collector's arrest and confinement at the castle.

(4.) Receipt for 15*l.* paid by Mr. Charles Sherman, collector of the port of Faversham, for the use of His late Majesty.

And praying their Lordships' directions. Dated 21 March 1688.

Minuted:—"Acq^t his Ma^tie of these summes & know his pleasure, if the persons shall be required to account." [*Again*] "Must all account forthwith."

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March 30. 16. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they were daily receiving advice of ships, by art and violence, getting out of port and going to France, without giving security, according to the King's late order not to go to France, and that there was a great number of English shipping then at Bourdeaux, and laying before their Lordships their latest advices. Dated 30 March 1689.

Minuted:—"Sent to Mr. Attorney for his opinion."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 22, under 15 May 1689, is, "The Com^rs of Customs to send to Mr. Atturney a copy of one of the bonds taken for shipps not to goe for France."

Accompanied by copies of three letters of advice.

3 *half-pages.*

April 6. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Earle, praying for a renewal of the grant of the office of registrar of seizures, to which office he had succeeded in place of William Culliford, Esq., certifying that he had executed the

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office well, and that they had nothing to object against the renewing of his grant. Dated 6 April 1689.

Accompanied by two petitions of the said John Earle.

3 *pages.*

April 15. 18. Letter of Mr. John Sansom on behalf of the Com^rs^ of Customs, addressed to Mr. Jephson, on the petition of Capt. Hercules Davies, touching 30 hogsheads of claret wine, imported at Chester from Ireland, where the duties had been paid; praying on account of the loss of their estate in Ireland, by the Popish army, that they might be discharged from the duty payable in England, submitting the matter to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 15 April 1689.

Accompanied by two petitions of the said Davies, and a letter of Mr. Dickinson in his favour.

Minuted:—"Orderd."

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April 20. 19. Letter signed "Benj. Dewy," addressed to the Com^rs^ of Customs, stating that there had been a strange discovery, for Mr. Chamberlain, the deputy comptroller, had brought with him three of the chief of the Irishmen who were in the Isle of Wight, whom he engaged to convey to France. He had 14 guineas in hand to pay to the man who was to carry them over; the man and his servant were in gaol and Mr. Chamberlaine in custody, and Mr. Crudge, the deputy King's searcher, who (with others of high rank) was privy to it. Dated at Pool, 20 April 1689.

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[About April 23.] 20. Petition of James Marshall, of Wisbech in the isle of Ely, and co. of Cambridge, gent., setting forth that he had always opposed the Popish and arbitrary designs of the kingdom's enemies, and especially by voting for such men to serve in Parliament as were friends to the Protestant religion and the rights and liberties of the people; for which he had been many years harassed from place to place, &c., and that he appeared in arms on the King's arrival. Praying to be appointed as customer or controller for Lynn Regis. Without date, but referred, 23 April 1689, to the Com^rs^ of Customs, with certificate at the foot in his favour.

Minuted:—"Mr. Thorowgood to have it."

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April 24. 21. Letter of Mr. John Sansom to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, sending (1) the answer the Com^rs^ of Customs had received concerning a vessel called the "Speedwell" of Brighton, from Flanders and London, bound to Dublin, and then in the port of Weymouth; which answer contains an account of the lading of the vessel, and states that the writer, Joseph Watson, had "strictly rummaged" the cargo.

(2.) Copy of a letter received from some of the principal officers of the Ordnance, concerning some arms to be transported from Harwich to London, which were stopped by an embargo.

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(3.) Extract of a letter from one of the officers at Pool, concerning some endeavours used by an officer of that port to contrive an escape of some of the chief of the Irishmen that were in the Isle of Wight.
[The two last are not now with the letter.]
Dated 24 April 1689.
2½ *pages.*

[About April 27.] 22. Petition of William Fanshawe, addressed to the King, showing that the petitioner having married the late Duke of Monmouth's sister, had right to 1,000*l.* *per ann.* in Ireland, and a pension of 800*l.* a year in England; that the petitioner having prevailed with his wife to quit the Romish religion, lost the said pension, and was turned out of the office of Master of Requests and Com^r^ of the Alienation Office, which he purchased; that some time after King Charles the Second, commiserating his condition, granted him 400*l.* *per ann.*, which was paid till the said King's death, since which he had not received any; and had lately recovered 300*l.* a year in Ireland and judgment for 700*l.*, which is at present lost by the revolutions there; the petitioner's wife was then in child-bed, and they and their five children threatened to be turned out of doors for not paying their rent. Praying the King to continue payment of the said 400*l.* a year, and to order him some money for his present relief. Referred 27 April 1689.
Minuted:—"100 li for Mr. Needham.
50 li for Mr. Fanshaw."
The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 96, under 27 August 1689:—"Mr. Fanshaw to have 50*l.* out of secrett service."
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April 29. 23. A report by the Com^rs^ of the Customs, in favour of John Upton of London, merchant, being allowed to import certain "bays" from Ireland to London, until there was an opportunity to send them to Cadiz, he being a Protestant, and in jeopardy of losing them if left in Ireland. Dated 29 April 1689.
Minuted:—"Order'd."
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April 29. 24. An estreat from the records in charge of the Remembrancer of First Fruits and Tenths, of the annual value of all ecclesiastical benefices, viz., of the annual value in spiritualities and temporalities in the diocese of Exeter. "Ex^r^ xxix° Apr. 1689."
A piece of parchment.

April 29. 25. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Giles Lytcott, Esq., Comptroller-General of the accounts of customs, &c., praying the King by letters patent to continue him in his employment, signifying to their Lordships that the petitioner was admitted to the said office in the year 1671, when King Charles the Second took the customs into his own hands under the management of Com^rs^, since which he had performed that

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service with great skill, industry, and circumspection, and recommending him to be continued therein. Dated 29 April 1689.

Minuted:—"Graunted during pleasure."

Accompanied by two copies of his petition and two certificates.

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April 29. 26. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Sir John Magill, Baronet, and James Hamilton, Esq., on behalf of themselves and others, touching their plate, household goods, and other necessaries which they lately brought with them from Ireland, from whence they were forced to fly for their lives into England, their said goods being detained at Whitehaven; recommending that these and similar goods should be passed custom free. Dated 29April 1689.

Minuted:—"Order'd in this particular case, but will not give a generall direction in all such cases."

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages*.

April 30. 27. Letter signed "Dallonne," addressed to Mr. Jephson, Secretary of the Treasury, praying him to provide Mons. Overquerque with a warrant for his goods, which were hourly expected with his lady and family from Holland. Dated 30 April 1689.

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April 30. 28. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Earle, who by letters patent of 1 Oct. 1685, was constituted "Register of Seizures" upon the surrender of William Culliford, Esq., late one of the Com^rs of Customs, signifying that they could not find cause to discontinue him, and therefore had nothing to object to the renewing of his grant. Dated 30 April 1689.

[See another report on the same matter, on 6 April 1689.]

Minuted:—"Speak with Com^rs Customs on Wednesday. Answer, they examin'd the matter, and found no reason to discontinue him in his employment, being an able and honest man, and has taken the Sacrament and test."

Lower down:—"Granted."

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May 3. 29. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Humphry Fitzherbert, Esq., setting forth that the petitioner being a captain of a foot company, in the garrison of Hull, was very instrumental in securing that garrison, &c., praying to be admitted customer outward for the port of Bristol, for which office he had a patent after the death, forfeiture, surrender, or determination of his father, who occupied the same nearly 30 years, reporting that the office in law, was solely invested in him, as Fownes Fitzherbert, the other patentee, was dead, and that they had nothing to object to his being admitted. Dated 3 May 1689.

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Accompanied by a report of the Com^rs of Customs in the same terms, dated 4 April 1689, the said petition, the opinion of the law officers on the subject, and a certificate that Fownes Fitzherbert, the son of John Fitzherbert, Esq., of Luckington, in the county of Wilts, being agent for the African Company in Guinea, was barbarously murdered by the blacks in the year of our Lord 1682.

Minuted:—"Graunted."

3 *pages and* 3 *half-pages.*

May 3. 30. "List of goods belonging to the Seigniours de L'Estang and Meloniere, brought from Holland."

The former is described as "Cap. Lieutenant des Guardes du Corps de S. M. Brittannique," and the latter as "Colonnel d'Infanteri Francoise." Dated 3 May 1689.

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[About May 3.] 31. Petition of Thomas Smeaton, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had been messenger at the Treasury Chambers from the Restoration till Lady Day 1687, but from age and dimness of sight had retired, whereupon he was allowed 20*l. per ann.*, which had been stopped at Michaelmas last, praying for the payment of the two quarters in arrear and for the continuance of the allowance.

Minuted:—"May 3, 1689. 15*l.* due at Midsumer 1689, for 3 quarters. To be payd out of secrett service. 8° Julij 1689°, p^d."

1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About 6 May.] 32. Petition of Thomas Marshall to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he was a Protestant, and opposed the Popish interest, and was imprisoned and almost ruined, notwithstanding which he was employed in Holland by persons of great quality for the King's service, and came over in the fleet with him, and marched up to London in his army, under the command of the "now Marquis of Winchester;" praying for a King's waitership in the custom-house of London, "His Ma^ty having been graciously pleas'd to grant the same at the request of the said Marquis."

With a brief certificate of the truth of the petition signed "Winchester."

Without date, but referred, 6 May 1689, to the Com^rs of Customs.

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[About 7 May.] 33. Petition of William Culliford, Esq., late one of the Com^rs of Customs, showing that he and all his family were always Protestants, that he had been employed 25 years in the Customs and took the oaths and test; that in 1684 King Charles the Second appointed him a Com^r for managing the revenue in Ireland, whither, being about to go, he was shot by one George Cruffe, a turned-out officer of Customs, whom the petitioner had refused to take into Ireland, and the bullets remained in his body; that after he had recovered from his wounds he went to Ireland and discharged his duties with unwearied diligence; and notwithstanding the Lord Tyrconnel's private directions to some of the Com^rs

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in favour of Papists he openly opposed the removal of the Protestant officers; that about 15 months before, whether by the means of the Lord Tyrconnel, or to make way for a Papist, he was removed from Ireland into the commission in England, but was then left out of that commission; praying to be made Surveyor-General of the Customs, and if that office be not revived, then to be established one of the surveyors of the port of London, with an additional salary of 500*l. per ann.*, until a vacancy should happen in the commission of the Customs, when he hoped to be reinstated.

Referred to the Com^rs of Customs, 7 May 1689.

Minuted :—"If the office of Surveyer Gen^rll be reviv'd to have it, if not to be putt into the first thing in the Cus, that the Board shall think him fitt for."

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7 May. 34. Letter signed John Sansom, addressed to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring he would lay the enclosed oath received from the collector of the port of Penzance, touching the sailing of the French fleet from Brest, before their Lordships; and further desiring to know, if the Com^rs of Customs should transmit the proclamation, prohibiting the importation of all sorts of manufactures and commodities of the growth, &c., of France, to the officers of the several ports; and asking him to signify "by a line," at what time His Majesty would be at the Treasury chambers. Dated 7 May 1689.

The affidavit was made by Mark Wheeler, master of the ship "Happy Return," of Southampton, and was to the effect that he came out of Camerit, in France, the 28th of April last, where he, with all the English that were there and at Brest, were detained seven days, until the French fleet, consisting of 20 sail of capital ships, seven fire ships, and seven victuallers and tenders should be ready to sail, as all these reported and pretended for Ireland; and, further, that he was at Brest and saw the said fleet, and believes they carried off about 1,000 Irish soldiers, and that on Friday the 27th of April he saw the said fleet put to sea, the wind being then at east, and supposed they sailed for Ireland.

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8 May. 35. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of John Key, praying to be relieved against the forfeiture of a parcel of iron wire, stating that they were inclined to believe, that as steel wire paid the most advantageous duty to the King, the land waiters passed other wire under that denomination, which gave encouragement to the merchants to import iron wire and pass it under the denomination of steel wire, leaving it to their Lordships to give relief, but advising that the practice should be reformed. Dated 8 May 1689.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted :—"Order'd."

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May 8. 36. Petition of Jonathan, Lord Bishop of Exeter, to the King, stating that he had been lately translated from Bristol to that see, and found that bishopric taxed at 450*l.* which, with 50*l.* for tenths, made within 40*l.* the whole revenue of that see, and that there were also other charges; praying for a privy seal to discharge him, as in like cases had often been done. Dated on the dorse, 8 May 1689.

Minuted:—"Graunted."

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May 9. 37. Report of Sir Christopher Wren, Surveyor-General of their Majesties works, on the petition (addressed to their Majesties) of Henry Buckley, Esq., Master of the Household to their late Majesties King Charles and King James, for compensation for the money spent in repairing the lodgings belonging to that office, he having expended (as he states) 600*l.* and received but 166*l.*, and being no longer continued in that employment; in favour of 320*l.* 12*s.* being allowed. Dated 9 May 1689.

Minuted:—"Graunted."

3 *pages.*

May 10. 38. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Gourny, late of Dublin, merchant, praying that certain wines and tobacco might be discharged from the duty, he having been forced to make his flight from Ireland, where he left the greatest part of his substance, advising that the case deserved the same favourable consideration as that of Capt. Hercules Davies, in which their Lordships gave relief, by an order of 19 April last. Dated 10 May 1689.

Accompanied by the petition, a certificate, and a draft of a warrant for the discharge of the duties.

Minuted:—"Order'd."

3½ *pages.*

[About 11 May.] 39. Report of Sir Geo. Treby, Attorney-General, being his opinion as to whether the grant of an annuity to the Countess of Bristol was a good grant then, or had determined; finding that the grant was for the term of her life, and that it continued if it had not been surrendered. Referred for consideration on 11 May 1689.

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[About 11 May.] 40. Petition of Robert Austen, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury showing that he had opposed the designs of Popery and arbitrary power, and had done what he could to promote the design of His present Majesty, &c.; praying to be made Surveyor General of the out ports. Referred to Com^rs^ of Customs 11 May 1689.

Also, reasons for revival of that office.

3 *pages.*

May 13. 41. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of the East India Company, touching the ship "Herbert," on which there was an embargo, from which they prayed

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relief, as well as protection for the men, stating that they did not object to relief being granted, the ship and 130 men having laid at Gravesend for six weeks at great expense. Dated 13 May 1689.
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[About May 15.] 42. Petition of the Hon. Sir Vere Fane, K.B., Thos. Mun, and John Farthing, Esq^res., addressed to the King, showing that by the accounts given in to the House of Commons, by the Auditors of Excise, the sum for collecting the excise for the year ending 24 June 1688, amounted to 89,930*l.* 3*s.* 5½*d.*, (as by an extract appeared), which sum was more than was necessary by 33,930*l.* 3*s.* 5½*d.*, had the Com^rs rightly understood the management, &c.; offering to defray the charge of the management for 56,000*l.*, and praying that before passing the new commission for Com^rs of Excise their proposal might be heard, and when heard and approved that they might be appointed Com^rs and managers.
Accompanied by the extract mentioned.
Referred to the Com^rs of Excise May 15, 1689.
Also a duplicate of the above.
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May 17. 43. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the case of William Mountslemery, master of the "Olive Branch," who, in his escape from Ireland, brought 15 casks of butter to London; also the case of Richd. Crockshank, master of the ship "Recovery," who had on board 60 barrels of butter from Ireland consigned to France, but having been detained at Plymouth could not proceed thither, nor return to Ireland; moving their Lordships to admit the entry of the said butter and deliver it up on payment of the duties. Dated, 17 May 1689.
Minuted:—"Graunted."
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May 17. 44. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Tho. Langley, late searcher of the port of Ipswich, praying an order for the payment of his salary from 1683 to 1686; stating that they had nothing to object. Dated 17 May 1689.
Minuted:—"The Rec^r of the Customs to pay it."
Accompanied by the petition.
2 *pages.*

[? About May 21.] 45. Petition of John Chichester, brother to the Earl of Donegal, addressed to the King, showing that he had been a captain of foot in Ireland many years, and had other considerable employments and an estate there, of all of which he was deprived, being an Englishman and a Protestant. He had continued with the regiment which he had raised and maintained at his own charge until the coming down of the Irish army, when he retired to Coleraine and Londonderry; with much difficulty he sent away his wife, who was a "person of quality, and six children," resolving himself to

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May 21. 46. Certificate of the sums payable to the Chief Justice of Chester and Flint, made at the request of John Trenchard, Esq., one of their Majesty's serjeants at the law, and then Chief Justice of the several courts there. Dated 21 May 1689.

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May 22. 47. Petition of Bridget Darcy, addressed to the King, praying him to take care of her younger children, and to extend his bounty to them, as he had promised in consideration of her late husband's services. Dated on the dorse 22 May [16]89.

Minuted:—"Jephson to speak with L^d^ Lexington & know what children there are."

"May 28^th^. 200^li^ graunted for their present subsistence."

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May 22. 48. Letter from Lady Portland to the King, stating that her indisposition hindered her from personally waiting on His Majesty, to acquaint him with her miserable low state and condition; imploring him to give directions to the Lords of the Treasury, to pay at least the three quarters rent due at Lady Day last. Dated 22 May 1689.

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[About May 22.] 49. Petition of John Dwyre addressed to the King, stating that King Charles the Second had considered his predecessors' loyalty, with the loss of both their lives and fortune, and had ordered the Lords of the Treasury to allow him 8*s.* a day, and 200*l.* to pay his debts; their Lordships, however, perceiving the King wanted money, bid him take 2*s.* a day, which had been paid him till 3 Dec. 1688; and further that he was then ready to perish; begging the King to order his petition to the Treasury to be read, and to grant him relief.

On the dorse, "Brought by y^e^ King 22^th^ May 1689."

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May 22. 50. Report signed "Robt. Atkyns, Ed. Nevill & [B.] Lechmere," stating the belief that Nathaniel Booth, the after-named petitioner, was fit enough for the office of Surveyor of the Green Wax, as it required not much learning, ability, or experience. Dated 22 May [16]89.

Indorsed on the petition of the said Nathaniel Boothe, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had been at great

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expense in raising men, horses, and arms for the King's service, under the command of the Right Hon. the Lord Delamer, to redeem the nation from Popery and arbitrary government, for which he had some hopes of being made a Com[r] of Excise, but that commission was full; praying to be received into the office of Surveyor of Green Wax, void by the flight of Adam Colclough, Esq., a Papist, then in arms with the King in Ireland.

Accompanied by three certificates as to his fitness for the office.

One of the certificates is minuted:—"Mr. Booth is to have the office of Survey[r] of the Green Wax."

1 *page and* 3 *half pages.*

May 23. 51. Report, signed 'R. Atkins, Ed. Nevill, B. Lechmere, and Jo. Turton,' that the petitioner after-named was qualified for the office mentioned in his petition. Dated 23 May [16]89.

It is written on the petition of Charles Chetwynd, to the Lords of the Treasury, for the office of Surveyor of the Green Wax.

There is also a memorandum that it was referred to the Lord Chief Baron and the rest of the Barons of the Exchequer, 4 May 1689.

The following entry is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 14, under 3 May 1689:—"The petitioners, after the Surveyor of the Green Wax, to be referred to L[d] C. Baron & Barons of th' Exchequ[r]."

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[About May 24.] 52. Petition to the King, of Renier Berkelbach, military agent at the Hague, showing that he lent Capt. Saxby, formerly in the service of the States General, 4,094 guilders and 12*d.* Dutch money, for the use of his company, as appears by a copy of the bond annexed, and for which the Marquis of Albyville became bound, praying he might be paid out of the money due to the said Marquis here.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 24 May 1689.

Also the copy of the bond referred to.

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May 24. 53. Presentment by the Com[rs] of the Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth that the Lords of the Treasury, by order of 26 April last, in pursuance of an Order in Council of the 25th of the same month, had directed the Com[rs] of Customs to secure vessels, mariners, or goods of the French King's subjects, and by another Order of the 29th of the same month, in pursuance of an order of the Privy Council, of the 26th of the same month, had directed the said Com[rs] to appoint officers in the several ports, to take charge of prizes and prize goods, acquainting their Lordships that some prizes had come to their hands, but others had been refused to be delivered into their charge, the seamen and officers being generally very unwilling to part with them, and plundered out of them all they could; and a number of Frenchmen were detained under the care of the officers, at a charge of 6*d.* a day each man, besides sick and wounded; pressing their Lordships to move His Majesty to

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appoint officers to that special service, that so the accounts of the customs might not be encumbered therewith. Dated 24 May 1689.

Minuted:—"His Mat^ie will appoint Com^rs sodainly."

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May 25. 54. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Williamson, praying that he and his son might have the patent office, of one of the five under-searchers in the port of London, assigned to them, then held by Richard Pearse and William Clough, who were willing to surrender their estates in the said office; stating that they had nothing to object thereto, as it was "but the altering of one name for another." Dated 25 May 1689. Accompanied by the petition.

On the dorse :—"For his Mat^ie."

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May 25. 55. Letter of Phineas Bowles, by command of the Admiralty, addressed to Mr. Jephson, Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing a letter of Capt. Andrew Cotton, commander of the "Charlotte" yacht, attending on the island of Guernsey, to be laid before the said Lords of the Treasury. Dated 25 May 1689.

The letter enclosed principally relates to custom-house matters; but it also states :—"The news that I hear is that the French fleet that was at Irland, got into Brest on y^e 8^th or 9^th inst^t, but very much batter'd; and they say all y^e shipps in France is fitting out, & they will have 40 saile out of y^e Mediterranean; it is likewise said that the French has taken 5 Dutch West Indiamen, that came from Cuiresoe, also a very rich Spaniard, that came from Portabello. Likewise there is between 40 or 50 sail fitting out of St. Maloes, from 10 guns to 40 guns, all to cruice y^e channell; but if there was 10 saile of good friggetts, 3 fire ships, and 2 boom vessells, I would not question but to destroy there ships & burn there town." Dated Guernsey, 15 May 1689.

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May 27. 56. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Walter Middleton, Esq., customer of the port of Milford, setting forth that he had charge of the collection of the said port for eight years past, without any allowance, except for a clerk; praying the reimbursement of 6*d.* in the pound, and an order for the continuance thereof, and for the arrears of his patent salary for 7½ years, amounting to 114*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; stating that they thought it reasonable he should be paid the same. Dated 27 May 1689.

Minuted:—"Order'd."

Accompanied by the petition and three other subordinate papers.

2 *pages and* 3 *half pages.*

May 27. 57. Petition of Samuel Clarke, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of 75*l.*, being the arrears due to him on a privy seal for 300*l. per ann.*, obtained by him from the late King, for services in

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the revenue of customs; and further praying for restoration to the King's bounty.

Minuted:—"A privy seal to be graunted."

Accompanied by a copy of his last receipt, which is certified on 27 May 1689.

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May 28. 58. Report of the Com^rs of Excise, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Thomas Aram, certifying that he had been solicitor for the prosecution and defence of causes before the judicature for the excise, and advising that he should be continued therein. Dated 28 May 1689.

Acompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"Graunted."

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May 28. 59. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Philip Elston and William Blackaller, praying to be appointed solicitors for excise; stating that the office of solicitor of excise being vacant by the desertion of Henry Guy, Mr. George Parry was constituted solicitor, and that they, conceiving that he was well qualified, had recommended him for continuance; and as to the other part of the petition, which desired to have the granting deputations to the inferior officers of excise, the said Com^rs were authorized by their commission and the laws of excise to grant commissions to the inferior officers, and such commissions had always been prepared by their secretary. Dated 28 May 1689.

Minuted:—"The place is graunted to Mr. Parry."

Accompanied by the petition and a certificate of divers members of Parliament in favour of the petitioners.

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June 1. 1. Letter of the Duke of Norfolk to the Lords of the Treasury, accompanied by a memorial to his Grace, signed by various gentlemen, both in favour of the appointment of Major Briggs as Receiver-General of the poll money, towards reducing Ireland. Dated 1 June 1689.

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About June 1. 2. Petition of Thomas, Lord Morley and Mount Eagle, "to the Treasury;" showing that the King had been informed by the Earl of Shrewsbury of the great sufferings of the petitioner and his father, for their loyalty and service to the Crown, whereby his estate was so impaired that there was not sufficient to support the dignity and honour of his coming up to the coronation, on which His Majesty

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promised a pension; praying their Lordships to remind His Majesty of his promise.

Minuted:—"For His Ma^tie, 1 Junii, 89, p^d 100^li. Jephson to speak with L^d Shrewsbury about it."

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June 3. 3. Letter, signed by three officers of the Ordnance Office, to the Com^rs of Customs, desiring that 150 chaldrons of coals might be shipped for Ireland without the usual duties, except cocket money. Dated 3 June 1689.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 37, for the above day:—"To speak with the Board of the Ordnance when they come, upon a letter dated 3^d Inst, relateing to the shipping of coales for the service of Ireland."

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June 3. 4. Letter of William Streete, Mayor of Chester, addressed to the Earl of Shrewsbury, principal Secretary of State, enclosing the several particulars relating to the prisoners in Chester Castle, and an account of the charge of transporting the Dutch soldiers for Scotland, together with a letter of attorney to Mr. George Mainwaring, M.P., to receive and give discharge for monies disbursed, amounting to 207*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* Dated 3 June 1689.

Accompanied by the said documents, two of which are thus headed:—"May 25, 1689. The names of the prisn^rs in the castle of Chester, and what is to bee allowed them, from the time they ware comitted till the 27^th of May 1689, at 6^d every man a day. These ware comitted the 9^th of May 1689."

"Paid by ord^r of M^r Major for y^e subsistance of y^e dragoons, over and above what there horses were sold for is as followeth, there allowance being 6^d a day."

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June 6. 5. A copy of a memorandum of what took place at Whitehall Treasury Chamber, on August 5, 1687, when Lord Godolphin and others were present to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Dickins, the woodward of the New Forest; of whom it had been reported to the King that he was against an address proposed to the King, for which, if true, he would be removed from his place. Certified as a true copy, 6 June 1689.

Also an affidavit as to the cause of the said Major Francis Dickens being turned out of that office. Sworn 7 May, 1 Will. & Mary.

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June 7. 6. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them, (1) The case of George Fletcher and Thomas Hodgson, merchants of the port of Whitehaven, who had imported 460 hogsheads of tobacco, the duties on which were very considerable; praying their directions as to granting them liberty to pay the moiety then, and to give bond to pay the rest in six months, or to be allowed to warehouse the goods and pay the duty as they were sold.

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Minuted:—" Order'd, the Com^rs takeing care to have the duty secured, and they paying the charge of the warehouse."

(2). The case of John Hartley, grocer and haberdasher of Dublin, whose estate was seized by the Papists, except some sugar and spices, which he brought with him when he fled to England, which he prayed might be delivered to him custom free, they being in the King's warehouse at the port of Whitehaven.

Minuted:—" Order'd upon his affidavit of the truth of the allegacion."

(3.) The case of Willm. Warren, fled in the like distress from Dublin, who prayed to have certain molasses delivered to him on payment of the customs, which the officers of the port of Liverpool had seized as being French, when they were alleged to be the product of English plantations in America.

Minuted:—" Order'd."

(4.) The case of Samuel Traveis, who in the like distress, having imported from Dublin to Liverpool certain nutmegs, &c., prayed to have them delivered custom free.

Minuted:—" Order'd."

(5.) The case of Isaac Holroid, who in like manner imported nine hogsheads of Jamaica sugar to Liverpool, and prayed to be admitted to enter them, paying only the money which he received for the half-subsidy, and whole additional duty on their exportation to Ireland.

Minuted:—" Order'd."

(6.) The case of Joseph Kenn, who fled in like distress from Dublin; who imported certain yarn and raw thrown silk, and prayed that the said goods might be delivered to him on payment only of the money which he received upon his debenture on their exportation.

Minuted:—" Order'd."

(7.) The case of Mr. Triall Traveis, who fled from Dublin in the like distress, and imported to Liverpool certain white Barbadoes sugar, currants, &c., and who prayed that the goods might be delivered to him on payment of the money he received back by debenture for the same.

Minuted:—" Order'd."

(8.) The case of James King and Thomas Somerville, who fled in a similar manner, to whom their friends sent such haberdashery goods as could be got off, of about 100*l.* value; who prayed they might be delivered custom free.

Minuted:—" Order'd."

Dated 7 June 1689.

Relating to the last, there is an inventory by the officers of the port of Chester, of the goods of the said King and Somervill.

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June 7. 7. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition and proposals of Sir Vere Fane Knt., Thomas Mun, and John Farthing, Esq., which made many charges of failures, defects, irregularities, and illegalities, against the management of the said Com^rs: replying that the great increase of the charge had been by the addition of officers for gauging and supervising beer and ale; for

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as to the imported liquors, 2*s.* in the pound had always been allowed for collecting the duty thereon, &c.; and there was no other increase of charge than 140*l.* a year for a boat at Deal, and 240*l.* a year for two general surveyors to inspect the ports. The late farmers were allowed for the charge of management, 56,000*l.* a year, but Wales and the northern counties were not under their management, but on a sub-farm, so this allowance was exclusive, and amounted to 9,000*l.* a year, and was exclusive also of the charge of the Com^rs^ patent and house officers, which came to about 11,000*l.* a year, which made 76,000*l.* a year charge, beside the allowance of 5,000*l.* a year for bad debts, and 10,000*l.* a year salary allowed to Mr. Dashwood and partners for their management; the yearly expense of the three last years of the farm for general riders, collectors, supervisors, and gaugers (Wales and the four northern counties included), came to no more than 61,361*l.*; but the Com^rs^ [in 1683], to raise the revenue, made an addition of officers, which came to 6,483*l.*, and the revenue increased in the year ending Midsummer 1684, 38,078*l.*, and in five years increased to 134,949*l.*; further expressing the opinion that it was for His Majesty's service to increase the charge, they having found that every new riding had more than trebled the officers' salary; in addition they could find no advantage in saving 1,250*l.* a year as aimed at by the petitioners, for they proposed to make no more than 580,000*l.* a year, whereas, during the last five years, there had been paid into the Exchequer 596,661*l.*, and the last year 638,358*l.*, and if peace and plenty continued, it was hoped the revenue would be 600,000*l.* a year, and finally they could not think it advisable to unhinge so considerable a revenue, that had been so successfully managed, upon the suggestions of persons wholly unacquainted with the methods and reasons of the then management. Dated 7 June 1689.

Accompanied by the proposal referred to and a subordinate paper. 6 *pages.*

June 8. 8. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before their Lordships, (1,) That the collector of customs at Dover had informed them, that the commander of the sloop "Enquiry," employed in the service of the customs to prevent the exportation of wool, had for some time past entertained eight men more than his complement, and dare not adventure without that number; and further, that the "Observator," sloop, employed on the same service on the coast of Kent, could not have less than 20 additional men, by reason of the great number of French privateers upon the coast, whose chief trade was the bringing over uncustomed goods, and to carry back wool, especially from the coast of Kent and Sussex; praying that the said men might be employed, and that arms, &c., might be provided to the value of about 110*l.*

Minuted:—"Order'd."

(2.) A memorial, exhibited by Henry Nassh, commander of the "Adventure," smack, employed in the service of the customs between Gravesend and Margate, applying for an addition of four men and an allowance of 11*l.* 8*s.* for stores.

Minuted:—"Order'd."

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(3.) That John Mockford and Thomas Fowler, officers at Bourn and Pevensey in Sussex, with others, eight of whom belonged to Yarmouth, were taken prisoners by a French privateer, and the Com^rs were informed from the collector at Newhaven, that the governor at Dieppe was willing to exchange them for 11 Frenchmen who were prisoners at Seaford, and four others at Rye.

Minuted:—"Lay'd before the Councill for directions to the Admiralty to take care of this exchange."

(4.) That Mr. R. L. Plastrier, a merchant, required relief from the effect of the late proclamation prohibiting the importation of French commodities, as he had given notice that he had long before ordered 30 pieces of alamode lute strings.

Minuted:—"An extract of this for the Councill."

Dated 8 June 1689.

Accompanied by another paper relating to the second item.

4 *pages.*

June 8. 9. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Atkins, praying their Lordships to grant him any of the places mentioned in a paper annexed; signifying that the salary of customer of the great and petty customs, void by the death of the Hon. Edw. Bertie, had been sunk; but because there was then surviving another officer of the same kind, viz., Timothy Thornbury, who had a right to a moiety of the casual fees of the said office, amounting to about 40*l. per ann.*, the Com^rs were of opinion that he, performing the whole duty, might enjoy all the fees during his term therein; but the said Thornbury had been intimidated to enter into articles with one Skinner to share a moiety of the said fees with him; advising that he should be relieved from the said agreement. Dated 8 June 1689.

1½ *pages.*

June 8. 10. Memorial of the Com^rs of Excise and Hearth Money in favour of the supervisors and gaugers being exempted from the poll tax of 3*s.* in the pound. Dated 8 June 1689.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs to allow these inferior officers what they have *bonâ fide* pay'd to the taxes for their salaries."

2 *pages.*

June 9. 11. Petition to the King by His Majesty's "most loyal and dutiful subject," (whose name does not appear), stating that for some years past he had made it his earnest study to improve the royal metal of English tin, to fit it for small coins, inclosing some reasons and proposals thereon, and praying for letters patent for the sole making and uttering the small coins mentioned in the said proposals for 21 years, and to pass the same for farthings, three-farthings, and halfpence. Dated on the dorse 9 June 1689

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June 10. 12. "An abstract of the accompt of money due to several persons for sallaries, stipends, pencions, provisions, and other expences for

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With a report in favour of it being forthwith considered. Dated 10 June 1689.

2 *large pages.*

June 11. 13. Letter from the Vicar and Churchwardens of the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields to the Right Hon. Sir Henry Capell, one of the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the Crown had allowed the poor of that parish 100*l. per ann.*, payable by privy seal out of the Exchequer; but the last letters of privy seal which authorized the payment were void by their Majesties' accession; desiring his favour for renewing the privy seal, and that the year in arrear might be inserted therein. Dated 11 June 1689.

1 *page.*

June 14. 14. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of James Smith, customer of the port of Chichester, praying leave to renew his patent; stating that they had nothing to object thereto. Dated 14 June 1689.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"Graunted."

1 *page.*

June 18. 15. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Fentzell, Francis Miller, and other merchants of London, praying to be relieved from the forfeiture of certain iron wire; advising that they should have the same favourable relief as was granted to John Key on 15 May last. Dated 18 June 1689.

Minuted:—"Do as was donn in Keys case."

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *half-pages.*

[About 21 June.] 16. Copy of the report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Davis, whose vessel, the "Henry," from Bourdeaux with a lading of French wines, was captured by a French privateer within five leagues of Dover and carried to Calais, but was discharged; advising that the said goods should be allowed to be imported.

Minuted:—"Sir Henry Capell for the Councill. 21 June 1689."

1½ *pages.*

June 22. 17. Report of William Harbord, Surveyor General, addressed to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of the Lady Ash, relict and executrix of Sir Joseph Ash, Bart., finding that a lease of Richmond Ferry was directed to be passed to the petitioner for 26 years, to commence from Lady Day 1692, (being the determination of a grant made to Sir Joseph Ash, her late husband,) but there was already a grant made to Charles Osborn and John Knight, Esq., trustees for the then Earl of Danby, now Marquis of Carmarthen, for 99 years, if the Queen Dowager should so long live, &c.; further stating the opinion of Mr. Sergeant Thursby, the

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counsel of the petitioner, that such a lease would not be valid, &c. Dated 22 June 1689.

Accompanied by the petition and a previous petition, with a report on it by Sir Tho. Powis, the Attorney-General.

Minuted:—" Mr. Harbord to rate the particular anew."

5 *pages.*

June 25. 18. Letter from R. O. Howard to the Right Hon. the Lord Godolphin, stating that his son, being unwell, desired him to beg his Lordship to continue his charity to endeavour to get Mr. Henry Kingsmill a hundred pounds, or if he could not do that, 50*l.*, to relieve his present necessities. Dated 25 June 1689.

1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 28. 19. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they were greatly pressed by the merchants of the city of Bristol, as well as London, concerning a deduction of 5 per cent., which had been made out of debentures upon the exportation of tobacco in roll, in consideration of the liquor and other mixtures made use of in the working the same into roll; complaining of the great hardship to them therein, as also that the said manufacture of spinning or rolling tobacco (which employs many hundreds of poor people, men, women, and children,) was not only in great danger to be lost and driven into other countries, but that such foreign manufacture stops the consumption of our Virginia tobacco, they buying only some leaves thereof to cover and wrap over the tobacco of German growth; the Com^rs^ report that there are principally two sorts of rolled tobacco, one that is bright and fair, and made up with very little moisture, and the other very dark coloured, and mixed with great quantity of syrups and other liquors; the former the Com^rs^ were informed rather abated than increased the weight by the making it into roll, the stalks which are thrown out and paid custom at importation as tobacco being more considerable than the addition of weight that is made by the moisture or other materials; the other sort, which is much darker, and moister than the former, receives so great an addition of weight by the moisture that is added in working it up, that, notwithstanding the stalks that are thrown out, it is considerably increased in weight, so that the Com^rs^ advise that there be no deduction at exportation on the brighter sort of roll, and upon the darker sort the 5 *per cent.* be continued as formerly. Dated 28 June 1689.

Minuted:—" 28 June 1689. The L^ds^ approve of the within proposall."

2 *pages.*

June 28. 20. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before their Lordships:—

(1.) The case of Philip Coxe, who made his escape from Sligo in Ireland, having, until the day the Lord Kingston left the town, furnished the party for defence of the town with beef on their note only, and supplied them with all the gunpowder they had, except four casks, and lead weights for ball, and mounted three soldiers at

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(2.) The case of Holland Goddard, late a shopkeeper in Cork, fled in the like distress with similar goods in the port of Minehead.

(3.) The case of David Gold, with similar goods at the same port.

(4.) The case of Andrew Miller, similarly fled from Dublin, with goods in the port of Chester.

(5.) The case of Willm. Warren, from the same place, with goods in the port of Liverpool.

(6.) The case of Gilbert d'Lap, fled for his life from Ballyshannon to the port of Chester with similar goods.

All of the above seek to have the goods delivered free of customs, and each is *minuted* "Agreed to." Dated 28 June 1689.

3¼ *pages.*

June 28. 21. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, advising the alteration of the method of allowance upon damaged tobacco, viz., instead of the present method of certificate and repayments by the hands of the Receiver General, the damage to be deducted out of the post-entry, under such regulations and instructions as should be given by the Com^rs^.

Minuted:—"June 28, 1689. The L^ds^ agree to the within proposal." Dated 28 June 1689.

1 *page.*

June 28. 22. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Barret, searcher of customs in the port of Yarmouth, for a renewal of his grant of that office, stating that they had nothing to object thereto. Dated 28 June 1689.

Minuted:—"Order'd."

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages.*

June 28. 23. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Arthur Moncrief, master of an English-built ship called the "Seven Stars" of London, to be relieved from payment of the alien duty, stating that it is the same case with that of Roger Mowett, to which, by the opinion of counsel, relief was extended by warrant of 15 Aug. 1687. Dated 28 June 1689.

Minuted:—"Orderd."

Accompanied by the petition and the opinion referred to, which was upon the question,—Whether a Scotchman born, but being an inhabitant, and having a family here in England, shall not be deemed His Majesty's subject of England?

4 *pages.*

July 2. 24. Copy of the report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Field, Esq., alderman of Hull,

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and Arthur Robinson, merchant of York, who prayed to be permitted to enter certain wines, &c., shipped by them in a foreign ship from Bourdeaux, on payment of alien duties, signifying that in the Dutch war in 1672 the Act of Navigation was dispensed with in this point, and the like toleration was given as was desired by the petitioner, and that they had nothing to object to a similar favour to him. Dated 2 July 1689.

1½ *pages.*

July 2. 25. Report of three officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had perused the patent of "the Roettiers, engravers of the Mint," and that they found that the same was granted in 1669 to John, Joseph and Phillip Roettiers, three brothers, for engraving and making all sorts of effigies and designs, for gold and silver coins and medals, &c., with a salary of 450*l. per ann.;* that the salary of 325*l. per ann.* had been confirmed by their present Majesties in 1689; that Joseph left England about 10 years since, and was employed in the Mint in Paris; that Phillip left England about Feb. 1684–5, and was then in the Mint at Brussels; and that John, the eldest brother (and reputed the best artist of the three) had continued ever since in this Mint, and had two sons, James and Norbertus, whom he had bred up in this "science," so that the same payment of 325*l.* had continued; further acquainting their Lordships that the said John was about to retire to Brussels, having lost the use of his right hand by the shrinking of the "tendents" (tendons), and certifying that the sons were proficients in their father's art, with whom they had jointly wrought upon the puncheons and dies for the Mint for several years; and had, without his assistance, engraved their present Majesties' great seal, and made the puncheons and dies for the coronation medals and for the coins of gold and silver that had hitherto been prepared. Dated 2 July 1689.

Minuted:—"The officers of the Mint to enquire after other engravers to serve & to come to the L^ds^ when they are ready."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. I., are the following minutes:

(P. 54.) 28 June 1689.—"The officers of the Mint to give an account of the patent to Rotiers, the engravers at the Tower, what terme, whether for lyfe or pleasure, & what salary & how they have & do behave themselves in the office."

(P. 62.) 9 July 1689.—"A wart to Mr. Bowers to make a puncheon for the halfe guinneys, & to work it in the Mint, reciting the presentment from the officers of the Mint about the Rotiers, and the warts to be shew'd to Mr. Atturney for his opinion upon it."

2 *pages.*

July 4. 26. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Martin, of Plymouth, Esq., praying a new grant of the office of searcher of that port, against a Mr. Kemp, who also claimed the said office, submitting the matter to their Lordships' favourable consideration, the petitioner desiring to pass a patent for pleasure, to enable him to try the validity of Kemp's patent. Dated 4 July 1689.

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Accompanied by the petition and four other papers.

Minuted:—" Kemp must continue in this place."

Mr. Attorney to bring a *scire facias*.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 73, on 26 July 1689, is the following:—

" In the case betweene Kemp & Martin concerning the office of searcher of Plimouth, councell on both sides were heard, & Mr. Stephens' petition was read. The L^ds^ order'd that Kemp should be continued in the possession, and that Mr. Atturney be desir'd to bring a *scire facias* ag^st^ Kempe's pattent, upon the matter of corrupt purchasing the pattent, alleadged by M^r^ Martin's councell."

7 *pages*.

July 4. 27. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of allowing Mr. Gilbert Delap, merchant in Ballyshannon, in Ireland, to land 30 quarter-casks of brandy at the port of Chester, free of duty, he having fled from Ireland, where he had paid the import duty. Dated on the back 4 July 1689.

Minuted:—" Agreed to."

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July 5. 28. Letters and other papers relating to prisoners confined in Chester Castle. In one of these letters apprehensions were expressed that "those poore wretches would starve" if there were a delay in the payments; and another contains a list of their names. Dated between 1 and 5 July 1689.

On the dorse:—" Ordered to be paid out of secret service."

5 *parts of pages* (4 *are quarto*).

July 9. 29. Copy of a letter of [the Earl of] Nottingham addressed to Mr. Ludolfe, desiring him to procure the Prince of Denmark's signature to certain papers, and then to give them to the King to forward by that night's post, with instructions not to deliver the last, which contains " His Highness actual release and discharge of the baillages, unless there be an absolute necessity for it," &c. Dated 9 July [16]89.

1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 10. 30. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Roger Clutterbuck, searcher of the customs in the port of Southampton, praying the renewal of the grant of the said office, stating that he had executed his duties well, and that they had nothing to object to the renewal of the grant. Dated 10 July 1689.

Minuted:—" Graunted."

2 *pages*.

July 10. 31. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, advising that Robert Hall and Robert Tayer, late customers of the port of Chichester, should be prosecuted till their grant was avoided by law, and that no salary be paid to them; and further,

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that a commission should be issued to enquire what frauds, &c., had been committed by them in that office. Dated 10 July 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to the report."

1½ *pages.*

July 12. 32. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Matthias Miller, gentleman, who had been controller of customs of Carlisle for about 17 years, and prayed to be admitted to the office of searcher there, stating that they had already reported favourably on the petition of Nehemiah Williamson for that office, but advising the renewal of the petitioner's grant of the office he then held. Dated 12 July 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages.*

13 July. 33. Letter of Lady Cleveland addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them "to direct the hastening her report from His Majesty's Councell, concerning her rent, out of the profitts of the Post Office." Dated 13 July 1689.

The *Minute Book*, Vol. I., contains the following entries on Lady Cleveland's affairs:—

1st. 13 Sept. 1689 (p. 105).—"Major Wildman desires to know of the Lords, whether the paying the Dutch^s of Cleveland's mony in one entire sum presently, at the post office, will not prejudice the Kings affaires; because he is ordered to hyre vessells, and must pay sallarys at Quarter Day, and usually paies money weekly into the Exchequere. The Lords comand him not to pay any mony on her Graces warr^t, till further order, & resolve to speak to the King about the paym^t of that pension, when Mr. Attorney is here."

2nd. 29 Jan. 1689–90 (p. 205).—"A direction to Maj^r Wildman to pay one quarter to Lady Cleveland in 3 weeks tyme."

3rd. 5 Feb. 1689–90 (p. 211).—"Send to Mr. Atturney and Mr. Sollicit^r for the report in my Lady Cleveland's case, to send it if they can possibly, tyme enough to carry to Kensington this afternoone."

1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 15. 34. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them.

(1.) The copy of a receipt for 13*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, paid by the collector of the port of Scarborough to Col. John Darcy and Capt. Chr. Tanckard, for the use of the K^ng, concerning which the collector desired the Com^rs order for applying the same to his account.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

(2.) The case of Robert, Lord Baron of Kingston, lately fled out of Ireland, having left all he had there but some plate, which he brought to Liverpool and desired might be delivered custom free.

Minuted:—"Agreed to.

(3.) Information as to certain powder on a ship then clearing at Plymouth, with other goods from Holland, for Boston in New

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England, and praying directions as to whether it might be convenient to suffer the said powder to be carried to those parts, not knowing in what condition the Government of New England stood. Dated 15 July 1689.

Minuted:—" for the Coñttee Plantaçons."

Accompanied by the receipt above referred to.

1½ *pages and a few lines.*

July 15. 35. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Hall, praying to be relieved against the forfeiture of a parcel of iron wire, imported at Newcastle as steel wire, advising the same relief as was granted on 15 May to Mr. Key. Dated 15 July 1689.

Minuted:—" Graunted."

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages.*

July 16. 36. Report of Anthony Rowe, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Beaumont, Bart. stating that he remembered the said Sir Thomas was made lieut. colonel to Col. Beveridges regiment of Dragoons, and that there were two troops nearly complete, when they were disbanded. and he believed all the expenses were incurred by Sir Thomas, who received nothing, but Col. Beveridge received 100*l.* for levy money; expressing the opinion that Sir Thomas ought to have had the money. This is written on the back of the petition. Dated 16 July 1689.

Minuted:—" Respited."

2 *pages.*

July 17. 37. Report of Mr. William Harbord, Surveyor-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the value of the ferry at Richmond, setting out much that is stated in the previous report of 22 June, and estimating the fine for the reversion of the leases of the said ferry at 20*l.*; but the charge of passing the lease would exceed that sum. Dated 17 July [16]89.

[*See* the other report 22 June.]

Minuted:—" Agreed according to the Report."

1½ *pages.*

July 17. 38. Petition of Dame Margaret Hay, administratrix of the estate of the late Earl of Kinnoul and guardian to the then Earl and his two sisters; showing that the King had granted to William the late Earl the farm of all customs, subsidies of poundage and other duties, "for all smalts, borillias, or saffers and pot-ashes" imported and exported, for 31 years, from Lady Day 1664, of which grants five years and a quarter had to run; praying no grant might pass until petitioner was heard by her counsel.

Minuted:—" A caveat may be enter'd."

Accompanied by an abstract of the grants to the said late Earl.

Docquetted:—" July 17, 1689, E. of Kinnoul's case about a petty farme of the customs."

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Minuted:—"When the revenue is settled His Ma^tie will consider of it."

2 *pages.*

July 19. 39. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that Mr. Duxbury, Mr. Leeson, and Mr. Kaine, lately fled from Dublin, had imported into the ports of Liverpool and Chester several pieces of old and new drapery all of Irish manufacture, and desired they might be delivered custom free. Dated 19 July 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

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July 22. 40. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, submitting to their Lordships' consideration the petition of Matthew Alured for the place of searcher of the port of Plymouth, and stating that he was well qualified for the place. Dated 22 July 1689.

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *half pages.*

July 23. 41. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Derick Storck, body-coachman to His Majesty, setting forth that there was a certain small duty payable to the King upon the importation of coach horses, coach mares, and coach geldings, and that the said duty usually had been granted by the King's predecessors to the body-coachmen to their royal persons, praying His Majesty to grant him the said duty, amounting to about 40*l. per ann.*: as it had so been granted in the two last reigns, if the King pleased they had nothing to object thereto. Dated 23 July 1689.

Minuted:—"Know if His Ma^tie please to give it to this one coachman." "Graunted."

2 *pages.*

[About July 23.] 42. Petition of Charles Chetwind, gent. (signed), addressed to the King, shewing that he had been deprived of his office of registrar to the Court, in the marches of Wales, worth 200*l. per ann.*, praying that he might have a warrant to pass a patent for the office of surveyor of the green wax, for which office he had been certified as fitted. Without date, but referred, 23 July 1689, by the King to the Lords of the Treasury, "he being graciously inclined to gratify the pet^r in his request."

1 *page.*

July 27. 43. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Needler, controller of the great and petty customs in the port of London, praying for a renewal of his patent for that office; stating that they had nothing to object thereto. Dated 27 July 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition.

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July 30. 44. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Evans, searcher of the port of Milford, stating that they had nothing to object to the renewal to him of the grant of that office which he had held for many years. Dated 30 July 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition and another report of 6 April in the same terms.

3 *pages.*

July 30. 45. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of the supervisors and gaugers in London and within the weekly bills of mortality, and the inferior officers in the Excise Office, receiving the same indulgence as was granted by warrant of 11 June last, to supervisors and gaugers, viz., exemption from paying the poll tax of 3*s.* in the 1*l.* Dated 30 July 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

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July 30. 46. A letter from the Duke of Bolton to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the office of woodward in the New Forest, in the county of Southampton, granted to Thomas Dore, gent. Dated 30 July 1689.

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Aug. 2. 47. Report of Sir George Treby, Attorney-General, on the petition of Lord William Powlet, for a grant of the revenue of green wax for 41 years, at the rent of 500*l.* per annum, recommending exceptions to be made if the grant pass. Dated 2 Aug. 1689.

Minuted:—"The King will ask the judges & Councell."

2 *pages.*

Aug. 3. 48. Report of R. Marriott, deputy auditor, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition (annexed) of John Digby, gent., setting forth that he had always been a very good Protestant, and for several years served the Crown very faithfully as clerk to the trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents, praying their Lordships' warrant to execute the place of receiver of that small part of the revenue left unsold of Hereford, Worcester, Stafford, and Salop, which office was void since the death of King Charles the Second, but executed without authority by one Edward Collins, who had never accounted, but was in great arrear, certifying that the petitioner was a very fit person for the office; further acquainting their Lordships that there was a petition of one John Collins, son of the said Edward Collins, referred to him, praying for the same place, which, together with the said auditor's report, are annexed. The report asserts the unfitness of father and son for the office. Dated 3 Aug. 1689.

Accompanied also by a certificate of the Mayor of Hereford and others in favour of the said Collins.

Minuted:—"Agreed to that Digby be made rec^r & Collins brought forthwith to account."

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Aug. 5. 49. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Vernon of Dublin, merchant, on behalf of himself and several other distressed Protestants, lately come from thence, praying the relaxation of the custom duties in their favour; advising that if their Lordships saw fit to favour the petitioners, the beef imported might remain in the King's warehouse until the petitioners could export it for the fleet and army in Ireland, or export it to a foreign market; that the petitioners might enter the new drapery on payment of custom *ad valorem;* that the vinegar might be delivered custom free, and that the tobacco might be exported for the service of the fleet and navy in Ireland, notwithstanding the embargo. Dated 5 Aug. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to, in all but the last part, relating to the embargo, w^ch must be transmitted to the Councell."

Accompanied by the petition.

3 *pages.*

Aug. 3 and 5. 50. Four papers relating to the payment of 66*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, which Alderman Mainwaring was authorized by William Street, Mayor of Chester, to receive from the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Principal Secretary of State, that sum having been disbursed on account of prisoners in Chester Castle. Two dated 5 Aug. and one 3 Aug. 1689.

One of the papers is a list of "the names of the disbanded Papists in prison, in the castle of Chester."

3½ *pages.*

Aug. 7. 51. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the King, on the petition of Michael Dobinson, quartermaster and ensign of H.R.H. Prince George, hereditary Prince of Denmark's regiment of foot, lately broken by the King's order, praying on account of his 24 years service, the loss of an arm and other wounds, to be admitted to half pay; recommending him as a proper object of charity and bounty. Dated 7 Aug. 1689.

Referred to Lord Ranelagh.

On the dorse:—"13 April 1692, to be laid before the Queen."

Also the petition and two certificates.

4 *pages.*

Aug. 8. 52. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them that in accordance with their Lordships' pleasure, they had put a stop to Mr. Pigott and Mr. Carter going to visit the outports, but were greatly surprised to receive two warrants to establish two other persons in their place as surveyors of the landwaiters, and this without any charge or hearing since their approval by this board, which also left the Com^rs in some suspense as to naming others to the service of visiting the outports; that the dismission of the said persons from their employment so soon after they had approved themselves to the Board, which was always looked upon to be the immediate judge of the officers' behaviour, occasions much discouragement, and might tend greatly to the prejudice of their Majesties' service, by setting them loose from their

duty, and their dependence on the Board, whose business it had always been to instruct and direct, as well as to punish and correct them, by suspension, dismission, or otherwise; further, that a due knowledge and choice of the officers is one of the most essential parts of the duty of this Commission in the management of the customs; that all former Commissions had the power of constituting as well as dismissing the officers until the year 1671, and the Com^rs of Excise still retain the same authority; and though this Commission obtained warrants from the Lords of the Treasury for the constitution of deputed officers, yet the general course had been not to grant such warrants but upon the presentment or approbation of this Board; further, reminding their Lordships of their former presentment, showing the inconvenience of giving characters and of reporting the qualifications of persons for employments before such employments were actually void. Dated 8 Aug. 1689.

Accompanied by a copy of the presentment referred to.

The following minutes relating to this case are in the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 78, on 2 Aug. 1689 :—

" Order'd by the L^ds that M^r Ward be made a land surveyour in the port of London, in the roome of Pigott, & Coll. Parsons in the roome of Carter.

" Write to the Com^rs of the Customs to stopp the sending of Pigott & Carter, from going to visitt the out-ports."

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Aug. 13. 53. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Lovett, late of Dublin, who, owing to the troubles in Ireland, had been driven to import certain hides from thence to London, and desired to be allowed to ship them to Holland; advising that he be permitted to export the same, as he originally intended. Dated 13 Aug. 1689.

Accompanied by the petition and an affidavit.

Minuted:—" Graunted."

2 *pages and* 2 *half-pages.*

Aug. 13. 54. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Bampton, linendraper, about certain fine point and Flanders lace, taken out of his house by the officers of customs, as prohibited goods; praying that they might be restored; stating that the petitioner's wife was sworn the Queen's lace-woman, and that the greatest part of the goods were in her possession since the coronation, and the rest above three months; that she provided them for Her Majesty's service, and that they were not the importers; advising that they deserve their Lordships' favourable consideration. Dated 13 Aug. 1689.

Minuted:—" Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition, an affidavit, and a letter.

4 *pages.*

Aug. 15. 55. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before their Lordships the copy of a receipt under the hand of John Trenchard, Esq., for 8,029*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* paid to him by

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Sir William Poole, late collector of Bristol, for His Majesty's use when Prince of Orange, and two other receipts for 60*l.* paid by Mr. Tho. Swanton, late collector of Falmouth, to Sir Joseph Tredenham, and 240*l.* more paid to the order of Anthony Rowe, Esq., for His Majesty's use; praying that the collector's accounts might be discharged thereof by privy seal. Dated 15 Aug. 1689.

On the dorse:—"For his Ma^tie."

Accompanied by the said receipts and another paper relating thereto.

2 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

Aug. 15. 56. Copy of the 6th article of the treaty between the Crown of England and Denmark, concluded at Copenhagen 15 Aug. 1689, viz., as to the amount the forces from Denmark were to receive.

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Also a memorandum of the names of some merchants recommended to return the money to Denmark.

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Aug. 16. 57. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on certain proposals for improving the revenue of customs, viz.:—

(1.) To put any officer who should convict his superior officer of fraud into his place; replying that it was not practicable, for instance, an illiterate tidesman might detect an officer of fraud whose employment he was no ways qualified for.

(2.) Respecting compounding of seizures by letters of licence, &c.; replying that the proposer knows very little of the law or practice of the Court of Exchequer, touching compositions by licence upon informations of seizure; for by law no composition could be made by the seizer under one-third of the appraised value, &c.

(3.) Touching masters reporting their vessels upon oath at the custom-house, and their being prosecuted for false reports; stating that every purser or master was liable to forfeit 100*l.* for a false report of the lading the vessel, and if a merchant unshipped his goods before payment of the duties, he forfeited the same.

(4.) For the establishing a comptroller of all the ports of England; replying that they lately acquainted their Lordships that they thought the business better performed by sending experienced officers to visit the out-ports, than by establishing a Surveyor-General; and as to the money in the hands of the collectors, they had a sufficient account thereof by the monthly abstracts.

(5.) That the customs at Amsterdam were managed with fewer officers than here, and proposing a retrenchment of superfluous officers, to save many thousands *per ann.*, replying that the revenue there was under very loose management till lately, and subject to great fraud, but there had been a considerable increase of the number of officers, and besides, the situation of the place bore no comparison with the port of London for conveniency, for saving officers, and preventing frauds; but they always endeavoured to reduce the officers as far as they could safely.

(6.) Touching officers who act by deputies, particularly instancing

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the head searcher of Gravesend, proposing to take off the superfluous salaries of those officers; replying that there was no head searcher at Gravesend, but two patent searchers, at a salary of 12*l.* *per ann.* each, and that they and all the patent officers who had salaries out of the Exchequer had power to act by deputy. Dated 16 Aug. 1689.

Accompanied by the said proposals.

5 *pages and* 2 *half pages.*

Aug. 16. 58. Petition of Isaac Beaulieu to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had left his estate, his parents, and country for the sake of his religion, and came to England, and was recommended by Lord Godolphin to be a "landwaiter," &c.: praying that the promise made to him of the next vacancy might be performed. Dated (on the dorse), Aug. 16, 1689.

Indorsed:—"Rcm[d] to Com[rs] Customs for the next vacancy if qualify'd."

A quarto page.

Aug. 17. 59. Report of Mr. Harbord to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Fairclough, physician, expressing his opinion that the surgeon of each regiment should have a chest of medicaments always ready for service. Dated 17 Aug. 1689.

The petition is addressed to the Lords of the "Privy Council appointed a Committee for the affairs of Ireland," and shows that the petitioner had been physician and surgeon to the regiment of Col. Charles Herbert, and that there was due to him for chest money 44*l.* 4*s.*, and further, that he was then sent up from Chester by the Duke of Schomberg with an express to His Majesty, with command to return with convenient speed; praying to be allowed 6*s.* 8*d.* a day, and speedy payment of the chest money.

Referred to Lord Ranelagh by the said Lords of the Committee, on 13 Aug. 1689, and by Lord Ranelagh to Mr. Harbord 16 Aug. 1689, and by him reported on as above.

2 *pages.*

[This petition is a beautiful specimen of caligraphy.]

[? About Aug. 19.] 60. Sir Robert Howard's certificate of what moneys were paid to Mr. Jephson, for secret service, from 11 April 1689, to 19 Aug. 1689, viz., 38,879*l.* 10*s.*

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Aug. 21. 61. Certificate signed by R. Marriott, d[eputy] auditor, signifying the state of the revenue of the counties of Hereford, Stafford, Salop, and Worcester, and further that 500*l.* would be sufficient security for the petitioner, [John Digby, jun., of the parish of St. Dunstan's in the West, London, gent.,] with his sureties, to be bound in. Dated 21 Aug. 1689.

Accompanied by a memorandum containing the proposal in relation to the sureties.

2 *pages.*

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Aug. 21. 62. The case of Col. Matthew Alured, in the nature of a petition for restoration to one of the two customers' places at Hull, accompanied by a certificate of Wm. Lowndes, in relation to the same. Dated 21 Aug. [16]89.

Minuted:—"A Comsion to be issued to try by inquisition the validity of Tempest[s] grant," &c.

2½ *pages.*

Aug. 22. 63. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the reason for displacing Mr. Francis White, acquainting their Lordships that they called before them about 30 landwaiters who were in possession, and 200 petitioners referred by their Lordships to them for vacancies in the said place, but the numbers being so great, they could not set down the distinct character of each; but having taken their own private notes upon each person as the examination passed, the board agreed in their dissatisfaction as to Mr. Francis White, and that was the ground of his dismissal. Further, the board had no objection to Mr. William Pollard, nor against a great number of other petitioners, who should have been recommended, if there had been vacancies, and they would present him on the first vacancy. Dated 22 Aug. 1689.

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Aug. 22. 64. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Rowe, praying to be appointed a King's waiter in the port of Bristol, in the room of Mr. Browne lately deceased, stating they had nothing to object to his fitness. Dated 22 Aug. 1689.

Minuted:—"Graunted to Mr. Rowe."

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages.*

Aug. 22. 65. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Culliford, offering his service to visit the western ports, instead of Mr. Carter and Mr. Pigot dismissed; stating that they saw no cause to depart from their late report, in which they stated that the service could be better performed, and that they intended to despatch two persons already in employment in the Customs upon that service. Dated 22 Aug. 1689.

Minuted:—"To go *pro hac vice* (but the office not to be establish'd), with a compt daily allowance of 30*s.* for the tyme he is employed."

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages.*

Aug. 23. 66. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the complaint made against Mr. Chr. Warren, customer of Plymouth, for his neglect in letting the two French commanders escape which were brought in by the "Nonsuch" frigate and committed to his care; transmitting his written defence, with various affidavits, together with another affidavit that has reference to the Deputy Governor, Sir Nicholas Stanning; and stating upon the whole matter that they could not charge him with any concurrence or wilful crime in relation to the said escape; yet, considering the great

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[The escape was effected by filing through an iron bar of an inch square, and by a small boat or yawl. The two prisoners were the Chevalier de Forbin and Monsieur Burt.]

The above is accompanied by the answer of the said Chr. Warren to the charge against him, 22 depositions and certificates, and, in addition :—

(1.) A letter of 14 May 1689, from the said Warren to the Com^rs of Customs, giving an account of the capture by the "Nonsuch" (after a smart engagement of two hours, during which the captain and master were both killed,) of the two French men-of-war which then remained in "Hammose," the prisoners, being about 100 (except the wounded), remaining on board the "Nonsuch"; further giving an account of his endeavour to get a convenient habitation for them, and stating that the two men-of-war had under their convoy about 16 merchant ships from Havre-de-Grace, the greatest part of which would have been taken, only night came on, it being nearly half-past 5 o'clock on Sunday when the engagement began, &c.

(2.) A petition from the said Warren to the Com^rs, praying, if they had any doubt of his zeal or honesty, after reading his answer and proofs, that he might have a hearing.

(3.) A certificate of the Earl of Bath, speaking in high terms of the petitioner.

(4.) Copy of an order to Captain Warren to come up and make answer to the charge. On the same paper as a letter relating to the charge of prizes and prize goods.

(5.) Copy of a letter by the petitioner to a Mr. Smalley, asking him to use the utmost diligence in the pursuit of the prisoners. Dated 30 July 1689.

(6.) Interrogatories, in order to the discovery of the manner of the escape of the two French captains.

Minuted:—"Send to the Com^rs of the Customs to know if they have any objections to the continuing Mr. Warren in his place."

36 *pages, or parts of pages.*

Aug. 23. 67. Letter of Mr. Dickins, addressed to Wm. Jephson, Esq., stating that he had received a copy of Mr. Dore's charge against him, which consisted of so many particulars, and for crimes committed several years past, that he could not possibly be provided for a hearing by the next morning. His witnesses and papers were in Hampshire, and he would require at least a fortnight before he could be prepared; requesting longer time. Dated "Friday morning, August 23th, 1689."

Minuted:—"Putt off to Friday next."

On the 30th of Aug. 1689 is the following entry in the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 98:—

"Major Dickins and Mr. Dore called in, &, upon hearing the case, the L^ds do not fynd any cause to remove Maj^r Dickins from his place of woodward of the New Forest."

1 *page* (*quarto*).

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Aug. 24. 68. Certificate, signed by Bartholomew Fillingham and Edmund Woodruff, setting forth the amounts of the charge on Mr. Augustin Briggs, Receiver General of the present aid for the county of Norfolk. Dated 24 Aug. 1689.

Docquetted:—Cert. of the agents that Mr. Briggs, Recr. of the aide for Norfolk had paid 10,000*l.* of 10,341*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

1 *page.*

Aug. 24. 69. Report of Thomas Neale, and another officer of the Mint, stating that they had considered the petition of James Ellis, a second clerk to the Warden of the Mint, and that he was appointed by reason that the first clerk's time was taken up in discovering and prosecuting counterfeiters, &c.; further testifying to his capability and attention to his duties. Dated 24 Aug. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by his petition, which prayed that he might have his warrant renewed by his present Majesty.

2 *pages.*

Aug. 28. 70. Letter to Sidney Lord Godolphin, from William Culliford, saying that he cannot pay the charge of going his survey under 40*s.* a day; and it further refers to his pay for his "charge of buying horses." Dated on the dorse 28 Aug. 1689.

1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 29. 71. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of John Starkey, junr., praying the grant of the office of petty customer in the port of London, stating that Mr. Randolph Wilmer, who last held the office, did not qualify himself by taking the test, and that they would not advise the renewing his grant, but did not object to the petitioner. Dated 29 Aug. 1689.

Minuted:—"The Lds will stay till a report comes from the Comrs Customs on Willmers petition."

Accompanied by the petition, which states that he was the son of John Starkey, who was forced to fly into Holland and lived in exile for six years.

1½ *pages.*

Aug. 31. 72. Copy of certificate, showing that John Digby, junr., gent., Receiver General of their Majesties' land revenues in Cornwall, Hereford, Salop, and Stafford, had put in security for the execution of the office. Entered in the office of Sir Joseph Seymour, Knt., 31 Aug. 1689.

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Sept. 3. 1. "Agents" report on the petition of Mr. Baptist May, which prayed that the Receiver General of the aid in the county of Berks might be discharged from what was assessed on the great park of

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Windsor, so that the petitioner might be relieved from payment; stating that nothing could be done on the first quarterly payment of the present tax, as it was answered for at the receipt of the Exchequer; but recommending their Lordships to write letters to the Com^rs for the second quarterly payment on the county of Berks to cause the sum assessed on the said great park to be discharged, and laid on other lands in that county. Dated 3 Sept. 1689.

Minuted:—"The Receiver (if he have the money in hand) to repay what is assessed on the great park."

Also, the petition.

3 *pages.*

Sept. 3. 2. Letter signed Richard Robinson, by direction of the Duke of Bolton, without address, but commencing "My Lord," stating that the Duke begged the favour of his Lordship to get the enclosed petition of Lord Willm. Pawlet referred to the Judges for their opinion; and he supposed by his Lordship's assistance it might meet with a favourable answer. Dated 3 Sept. 1689.

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Sept. 6. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Wilmer, late of London, merchant, setting forth that the office of customer of strangers' duties in the port of London had been managed for about fourscore years by the petitioner's family, and praying that he might be appointed; acquainting their Lordships that they had already reported in favour of Mr. Starkey, and that they saw no cause to depart from the same. Dated 6 Sept. 1689.

Minuted:—"Graunted to Mr. Wilmer."

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages.*

Sept. 7. 4. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ralph Williamson, controller of customs at Newcastle, stating that they had nothing to object to the renewing of his grant which he sought. Dated 7 Sept. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition, and a previous report of the said Com^rs on the same subject, and the previous petition.

4 *pages.*

Sept. 9. 5. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Engle Verson, setting forth that his "dogger," called the "Liberty," of Mazling Sluice, was taken at sea by a French privateer, and the master and two men taken from aboard, leaving but three men and a boy, putting five Frenchmen to conduct her to Dunkirk; but the petitioner's men overcame the five Frenchmen, and came to England for shelter, and having received damage, then lay at the Hope; praying to be allowed to import the fish in the said "dogger;" recommending that he be allowed to enter the same on payment of the duty. Dated 9 Sept. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

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Sept. 9. 6. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edward Haistwell, of London, merchant, praying liberty to export to Holland and Flanders certain hides brought from Ireland; advising that the case deserved the same equitable relief as that of John Lovet, of the 13th ultimo, in which their Lordship's granted an order for transportation. Dated 9 Sept. 1689.

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages.*

Sept. 10. 7. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, (1,) stating that they had received their Lordships' pleasure that Mr. Fitch should not be pressed for a sum of 1,200*l.* by him owing to the Customs, in consideration that His Majesty was indebted to him in a considerable sum for the works of Hull; stating further that he was not indebted to the King but by bills of exchange, drawn upon him for value received of the collector of Hull, to the value of about 800*l.*, and that the nature of bills of exchange was such, that the Receiver General could not neglect to press for payment.

(2,) Moving their Lordships to receive the King's pleasure, touching the taking bonds by the officers of customs of ships clearing out of port, viz., not to go to Ireland or France. Dated 10 Sept. 1689.

Minuted:—"To be transmitted to the Councell."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 130, on 25 October 1689 is the following:—"Mr. Watts, Alderm^n Duncombe's serv^t call'd in & orderd to stopp the protesting M^r Fitch's bills, amounting to 850^li. in the whole, till further order, & Mr. Fitch being call'd in, was order'd not to draw any more bills upon expectation that the L^ds will do the same hereafter."

2 *pages.*

Sept. 10. 8. A paper docquetted:—

"Sept^r. 10^th, 1689.

"M^r Herne } Proposall for returning the 30,000*l.* to Ham-
M^r Evance } burgh.

"For His Mat^ie."

The proposal was to furnish 129,000 rix dollars (bank money) in Hamburgh, at 5*s.* 3*d.* per rix dollar, &c.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

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Sept. 12. 9. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of William Broughton and Humphrey Simpson, of London, merchants, stating that they saw no cause to encourage such an importation of beaver skins from Antwerp or Bruges, as was desired by the petitioners, it being to the prejudice of the Hudson's Bay Company, who imported the same commodity in an undoubtedly regular course of navigation directly from the place of the growth. Dated 12 Sept. 1689.

Minuted:—"The L^ds agree with the report not to graunt leave to import the bever skinns."

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Accompanied by the petition and reasons offered for the importation of the same.

3 *pages.*

Sept. 12. 10. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Whitehorn, master of the ship "Leonora," of London, who, whilst engaged on a trading voyage with wine and brandy from France to the Bahama Island called Gordo, was robbed by an English pirate, and put to great straits, and arrived in the channel with four tuns of brandy; advising that he was a fit object of charity, but that they could not abate the duties on the same, except by their Lordships' warrant. Dated 12 Sept. 1689.

Accompanied by the petition, which is also reported on by Wm. Lowndes, and an affidavit.

3½ *pages.*

Sept. 17. 11. Presentment from the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury in vindication of their method of proceeding, in putting in officers each in his turn; stating that this method had been in use many years in King Charles' time and since, without the inconvenience pretended, and that it was designed to save the time of the Board by allotting a share equally to each Com^r, to find out persons fitly qualified to supply the vacancies that happened; but if His Majesty did not approve they would submit to his pleasure. Dated 17 Sept. 1689.

Minuted:—"The King commands that the Com^rs [of] Customs shall not present to places vacant in their turns, but by the majority of the Board, according to His Ma^ties commands at Hampton Court, the 4^th Sept^r 1689. See the Minute of that day."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. I., p. 100, is:—"His Ma^tie was pleased to tell their Lo^ps he had received information that many places in the Custom House were sold, and that the Com^rs of the Customs did take their turns in disposing of places vacant, & order'd their Lo^ps to enquire into this matter, and to take the best care to prevent such practices, and that the persons to be presented by the Com^rs for places should be agreed upon at that Board by the majority there; and no particular Commissioner to have a nomination by turne, as His Ma^tie had been inform'd they have of late practised."

2 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 12. Presentment made by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury of the draft of a letter proposed (if approved by His Majesty) to be sent to the people of New England for preserving the Act of Navigation, which they had taken the liberty to violate. Dated 18 Sept. 1689.

This letter shows the various restrictions on colonial trade proposed.

4 *pages.*

Sept. 19 13. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the report made upon the petition of Samuel Wildgos, acquainting

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their Lordships that Mr. Randolph, the late officer in New England, held the said office by grant, under the Great Seal, at the salary of 100*l.* *per ann.*, and that there was great occasion that the said office should be immediately supplied. Dated 19 Sept. 1689. Accompanied by the report and the petition.

Minuted:—"To be further considered."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. I., p. 126, on 21 Oct. 1689, is:—"The Com^rs^ of the Customs call'd & being ask'd their opinion touching an officer to be sent to New England to take care to prevent the breach of the Act of Navigation there, and they deliver'd their opinion, that it was necessary for His Ma^ties^ service that such an officer should be sent thither, and their Lo^ps^ directed them to re-examin Mr. Wildgos for his fittness to that employm^t^, & if they do not fynd him capable that they do present some other person that is qualify'd for the same employment."

The petition states that the office of collector, surveyor, and searcher of customs in New England was void, by reason Mr. Randolph was in prison for his disaffection and confederacy against the Government, and the petitioner sought for the place.

3 *pages.*

Sept. 19. 14. Memorial of Sir Ch^r^ Wren to the Lords of the Treasury, for allowance of 1,000*l.* for the buildings at Hampton Court, and 500*l.* for the building at Kensington; praying them to take into consideration the ordinary allowance for the repairs of the King's houses, and for the reasons therein stated, to grant one quarter's allowance, viz., 3,000*l.*, or weekly payments. Dated 19 Sept. 1689.

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Sept. 20. 15. Letter of Willm. Blathwayt to William Jephson, Esq., directing that 3,000*l.* should be immediately remitted upon account to Mr. Fielding, at Edinburgh, for the maintenance of the troops on their arrival in Scotland. Dated 20 Sept. 1689.

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Sept. 23. 16. Copy of petition of the Hon. Sir Vere Fane, K.B., Thomas Mun and John Farthing, Esq^res^, to the King, showing that they had heretofore delivered a petition and proposals for an additional improvement of the revenue of excise, viz., 80,000*l.* per annum, which petition and proposals were by their Lordships delivered to the Com^rs^ of Excise to make their report, to which report the petitioners had given in an answer which justified their charge upon them, proved a surcharge of 160,000*l.*, and upwards, according to their own report, and offered to show that a sum of 1,000*l.* a week more was converted to other ends [than] their Majesties service. They had learnt that new Com^rs^ were to be forthwith chosen, who offered to advance 100,000*l.* at 6 per cent. to the King, but the petitioners had offered to declare where the King had 500,000*l.* and more in good responsible hands, unknown to the King and their Lordships; that there was 100,000*l.* *per ann.* employed some way o u

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of the revenue of excise, and it was well if not to assist the enemies of His Majesty's peace and the Protestant interest. They had offered their service to prevent such gross abuses, and had proposed such a management of the excise that the interest of the King and his subjects might be inseparable; entreating the King to give speedy order that their proposals be either accepted or enquired into, and that they might be appointed of the Kings Com^rs, or come in as managers, "which is noe new thing." Dated 23 Sept. 1689.

Further proposals offered by them (seeing their late answer to the report of the late Com^rs of Excise had not had the issue they expected) by which they would increase the 80,000*l.* to 100,000*l.* without loan or interest, and offering to find 500,000*l.* or more if desired, due to the King, in good responsible hands, &c. [as in the petition]; adding that if their Lordships had a desire to be privately informed they were ready to do it, or they would act publicly, or they must beg their Lordships' leave to lay these things openly to the world before the King and Parliament, that by their services to the Crown (which were greater than had ever yet been offered by any other persons in that nature) it might appear whether they deserved less encouragement than those who neither did nor could propose anything so considerable.

Also, "Objections offered that the new intended Com^rs of Excise may not be alsoe managers, and humbly desired to be answer'd before their com^on passes the seale."

The objections are as to their fitness for the office, and the loss that would arise to the revenue.

3 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a memorial of the Principal Com^rs for Prizes, touching a parcel of Martinico tobacco, condemned as prize, now in the port of Plymouth; stating they conceived the difference of the duty upon tobacco of English and foreign plantations was, to encourage the product of our own plantations; and in this case the goods might be exported, paying only half the subsidy on tobacco of English plantations. Dated 24 Sept. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the memorial referred to.

2 *pages.*

Sept. 25. 18. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Lordes and other Portugal merchants, reciting a former petition wherein they prayed the discharge of the seizure of the ship "Madre d' Deos," with her lading of oils, and then praying a re-examination of the matter; advising that the attorney might be directed to "*non pros.*" the information. Dated 25 Sept. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

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Sept. 25. 19. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Job Dowle, searcher of customs in the port of Gloucester ; stating that they had nothing to object to the renewal of his patent, which he craved. Dated 25 Sept. 1689.
Accompanied by the petition and a certificate.
3 *pages.*

Sept. 28. 20. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of John Gardner of London, merchant, and owner of the ship "Owner's-good-will," arrived from Barbadoes, praying the discharge of the said ship from seizure under the Navigation Act, for not having three-fourths English mariners; advising that it seemed a case of necessity and entitled to relief. Dated 28 Sept. 1689.
Minuted:—"Agreed to."
Accompanied by the petition and two affidavits.
3½ *pages.*

Oct. 3. 21. Letter of Thomas Penington to [William] Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that it was 9 o'clock in the evening before the messenger could be despatched, and acquainting him, "by his Lo^pps order," that the King had chosen the "reverse enclos'd" [for the farthings ordered by him]. Dated Newmarket, 3 Oct. 1689.
Accompanied by the said "reverse," together with an imprint of the obverse for the said coin, each on parchment.
1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 3. 22. Order made by the Committee for the affairs of Ireland for the officers of the customs at Chester, Liverpool, and Highlake, to pay to Capt. Henry Greenhill, one of the officers employed in hiring ships for transporting the army into Ireland, a sum not exceeding 1,000*l.*, viz., for the transport of the Danish troops. Dated 3 Oct. 1689.
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Oct 7. 23. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph Little, stating that they had nothing to object to the employment of the petitioner as deputy of Mr. A. Price, one of the patent waiters of the port of London. Dated 7 Oct. 1689.
Minuted:—"Mr. Little to be admitted deputy."
Accompanied by the petition.
2 *pages.*

Oct. 9. 24. "Computation of the pay, subsistence, &c., for the Danish forces for a week." 9 Oct. [16]89.
1 *page.*

Oct. 10. 25. "The further peticion of the Hon^ble Sir Vere Fane, Kn^t of the Bath, Thomas Mun, and John Farthing, Esq^res, to the King," stating that one of the petitioners was informed that the patent for the new Com^rs was to pass the seal before the hearing the proposals and objections enclosed; desiring (as he had come on purpose) to be heard, or that the patent might be stopped, &c. Dated on the dorse, Oct. 10th, 89.
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Oct. 14. 26. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury concerning certain wines shipped at Barcelona in Spain, by John Jolliffe, of London, merchant, which wines would in strictness be forfeited, having been landed in Holland to be re-hooped; laying the case before their Lordships as a matter fit to be relieved. Dated 14 Oct. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

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Oct. 16. 27. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had examined Thomas Mason as to his qualifications as a tide surveyor of London, in place of Willm. Cook, dismissed, and that it was very probable he had fitted himself for the employment; but they had already presented Richard Hurleston for the service, it being one of the standing rules of the Board to advance those who had well deserved in an inferior station, and in confidence of their Lordships' accepting him they had sent one of those distressed Protestants of Ireland whom His Majesty vouchsafed to be mindful of, to supply the said Hurleston's place at Whitby. Dated 16 Oct. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to for M^r Hurlestone also."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. I., p. 124, on 17 Oct. 1689, is the following entry:—

"The Board takeing notice of a presentment from the Com^rs of the Customs of the 16th inst., touching Richard Hurleston to be a tyde surveyor in the port of London, their Lo^ps doe agree to it; and doe order that the first vacancy that happens, in the s^d port, either of land waiter or tyde surveyor, shall be fill'd up with Mr. Thomas Mason, a pretender to the place of tyde surveyor, that M^r 'Hursleton' is now admitted to."

1 *page.*

Oct. 17. 28. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nicholas Booker, late searcher of the port of Kingston-upon-Hull, stating that it had been the practice to order the payment of salaries to all persons for the time they served; and they thought it reasonable that the petitioner should enjoy both salary and fees for the time he executed the office. Dated 17 Oct. 1689.

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages.*

Oct. 19. 29. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith, relating to a charge made by one Mr. Guest against Mr. MacCartney of favouring the late King James' party in Ireland, and of defrauding their present Majesties of certain moneys received for the customs at Belfast; entirely in favour of the said Mr. MacCartney. Dated 19 Oct. 1689.

Amongst other things he says, "Upon the approach of the Lord Tyrconnel's army to Dromore in the north of Ireland, in March last, Mr. McCartney with many others was forced to leave the kingdom in a great hurry," &c.

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The petition: the true state of the case, and a certificate in his favour.

Minuted:—"The L^ds agree to this report."

4 *pages and two* ½ *pages.*

Oct. 22. 30. A paper headed:—"Memorand. for the workes, 22 Oct. 89," being a memorial [from the Board of Works], stating that the annual reduced allowance for the ordinary repairs of their Majesties houses was 6,000*l.*, for which nothing had been received since Midsummer was 12 months, although more repairs had been done than usual, both at Whitehall and St. James's; the whole charge of which from Dec. [16]88 to Oct. [16]89 amounted to 4,759*l.* and by means of the great arrear upon the "ordinary," the credit of the office was very much exhausted; praying for an allowance of 3,000*l.* at 1,000*l.* a week, a 1,000*l.* for the new building at Hampton Court, and 500*l.* for the works at Kensington.

1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 31. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Ann Hutchins for the delivery of certain sword-blades; submitting the consideration of the case to their Lordships as one of compassion, the petitioner's husband being a Dutchman, and by trade a sword-cutler at Rotterdam, having shipped 24 dozen of sword blades to set up in business in England, which blades were thereby forfeited. Dated 23 Oct. 1689.

Minuted:—"Graunted."

Accompanied by the petition and a certificate.

4 *pages.*

Oct. 25. 32. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Francis Spendlove, controller of customs in the port of Yarmouth; stating that they had nothing to object to the renewing of the grant of that office. Dated 25 Oct. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 33. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Peter Houblon, of London, merchant, owner and freighter of the "Olivebranch" of London; praying liberty to discharge 20 tons of raisins in this port, and to proceed with the rest of the cargo to Amsterdam. Stating they conceived the case was fit for their Lordships' favourable consideration. Dated 26 Oct. 1689.

Minuted:—"Order'd."

Accompanied by the petition.

2 *pages.*

Nov. 3. 34. Report of Nicholas Hutchings to the Right Hon. Charles, Earl of Shrewsbury, Principal Secretary of State; touching the seizure of the ship "Two Brothers" on her arrival at Bilboa laden with fish and hides, instead of tobacco. Dated "Bilboa," 3 Nov. 1689.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs of Customs will take care of this."

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Oct. 11 & Nov. 5. 35. Reports of Sir J. Somers, Solicitor General, and Mr. Aaron Smith on the petition of Mr. Beaufoy, touching concealed lands in the Tower liberties, and the rights of the Crown to certain houses of considerable value (viz., 1,000*l.* a year and upwards); and also in favour of the continued employment of the said Mr. Beaufoy as attorney for the prosecution of the Crown's rights, and for payment of his claim for costs. Dated 11 Oct. and 5 Nov. 1689.

Also divers papers relating thereto, amongst which one is headed,—

"The tenants and rents upon Little Tower Hill to w^ch^ their Maj^ties^ lay claime," and

"The tenn^ts^ & rents att the end of the Minories w^th^ in the Tower libertie, to w^ch^ their Maj^ties^ lay claime."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 213, on the 6th of Feb. 1689–90 is the following entry:—

"Order'd that M^r^ Beaufoy have 100^li^ towards the charge of the suit at law for the houses at Tower Hill."

8 *pages and* 4 *parts of pages.*

Nov. 7. 36. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sarah Dodd and Sarah Fletcher, widows, the former of whose goods were seized by the sheriff for a claim of 170*l.* by the excise on the said Sarah Dodd, she having had that amount from Mr. Frith, collector of excise in Chester, and drawn bills on the said Sarah Fletcher which were not met owing to the rebellion in Ireland; praying that the goods might not be sold: the Com^rs^ state that they could not relinquish the claim, nor accept the security offered. Dated 7 Nov. 1689.

Minuted:—"The L^ds^ do agree to take off the seizures and accept the security propos'd."

Accompanied by the petition, two certificates, and a power of attorney.

4 *pages and* 2 *parts of pages.*

Nov. 7. 37. Order made by the Committee for the affairs of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury to furnish Mr. Greenhill, officer of the Navy at Highlake, or Mr. Fielding, in Scotland, with credit to buy up and put on board ship seven days' provisions for the troops in their passage from Scotland to Ireland, also to furnish the officers of the navy then at "Loghrian" [Loch Ryan] with further credit. 7 Nov. 1689.

½ *page.*

Nov. 8. 38. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the petition of Robert Culliford, controller of the customs in the port of Southampton, stating that they had nothing to object to the renewal of the grant of his office. Dated 8 Nov. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition and a report of 4 April 1689, on a previous petition (also enclosed) on the same subject.

4 *pages.*

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Nov. 8. 39. Presentment of the Com^rs of Excise, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had received complaints from the collectors of excise in several counties, on behalf of the supervisors and gaugers, that they were assessed 12*d.* in the pound for the full of their salaries, which were paid each month or six weeks; which assessment, if they were forced to pay, in the winter a great number must sell their horses; praying their Lordships' favour. [In the margin is this *Minute*:—"Lett them pay the tax, and upon a representation to the King the L^ds will intercede with His Ma^tie to allow it them upon the next quarterly bill."] Laying also before their Lordships a list of bills of exchange, drawn on the Com^rs for victualling the Navy and the Com^rs of the Navy, amounting to 2,333*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.* for money by them received from collectors and other officers of the revenues of excise and hearth money, which bills they had accepted and refused to pay; further laying before their Lordships a list of several sums of money, received by divers Lords and gentlemen in the late revolutions, from various collectors of excise, amounting to 11,376*l.* 7*s.* 11¼*d.*, and from the collectors of the hearth money 2,217*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*; praying directions. Dated 8 Nov. 1689.

Minuted:—"For the King."

Accompanied by the said lists of bills, &c.

6 *pages and* 2 *half pages.*

Nov. 9. 40. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking that an experiment should be tried in relation to the bounty for seizing wools transported contrary to law; viz., instead of the bounty of one moiety of their Majesties' part of the forfeitures to the seizer, His Majesty should bear the charge of prosecution of all seizures and all offences against the said laws; or else that the proclamation, for giving a moiety of His Majesty's part, might be renewed. Dated 9 Nov. 1689.

Minuted:—"The L^ds do agree to the first way and will order money to be issued out by incidents, for defraying the charge."

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Nov. 12. 41. Letter signed 'Jn. Wood,' addressed to the Com^rs of Customs, enclosing an information of an accident upon the coast at Clay in Norfolk, by which Capt. Von Schilder was driven on shore, he having sailed with the Danish fleet, which consisted of about eight men-of-war and 90 sail of other ships for soldiers, amounting to 6,000 foot and 1,000 horse. Dated 12 Nov. 1689.

Accompanied by the said information.

1½ *pages.*

Nov. 13. 42. Report to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Mathewes, gent., "Receiver Gen^l of the present aid, for the county of Hereford;" in favour of his being allowed 80*l.* for his extraordinary charges and disbursements. Dated 13 Nov. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

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The petition referred to and the account of his disbursements. [He claimed 110*l.* for bringing up 6,500*l.* in two journeys to the Exchequer; 14 horses and 10 men were employed.]

3 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 43. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition and papers of Richard Rickards, of London, merchant, stating that they had examined his case and there appeared divers instances of his fair dealing, which gave great probability of the sincerity of his future intentions; and that they conceived the petitioner might deserve their Lordships' compassion for the time desired for the recovery of his debts, as His Majesty would benefit thereby. Dated 13 Nov. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Docquetted:—"Report on the petition and papers of Richard Rickards, merchant of London, indebted to the King 934^ll 15^ss 7^dd; recommended by the Com^rs of the Customes to have a y^rs time allow'd him to get in his debts, in order to satisfy His Ma^ty; with Mr. Wards opinion, that 'Mr. Richards' cannot receive or release the debts that are seized to secure what he owes the Crowne."

Accompanied by the petition and four other papers.

8 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 44. Copy of letter of the Lords of the Treasury, appointing William Upcott of Truro, in the county of Cornwall, Esq. to be one of the four supervisors of the tin blowing houses in the counties of Cornwall and Devon. Dated 13 Nov. 1689.

2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 14.] 45. Petition of Thomas Povey to the King, stating that he had enjoyed the office of Master of Requests, with the fee of 100*l.* a year, which office had been discontinued by King James; praying that if he might not be restored to the office, yet that he might have the 100*l.* *per ann.*

Considered at the Court at Whitehall, on 14 Nov. 1689, and referred by the Earl of Shrewsbury to the Lords of the Treasury.

1½ *pages.*

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Nov. 15. 1. Letter from William Blathwayt to William Jephson, Esq., stating that a great part of the Danish troops had come to Hull and other parts of England; that the King had ordered such of his horse as were on shore or not in a condition to be sent to Scotland, to march by land to Chester and the foot to be carried by sea to Scotland, and for these purposes it was necessary that money should be furnished or credit given by the Lords of the Treasury to

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the mayors and other officers in the several ports, that the troops might pay their quarters, &c. Dated 15 Nov. 1689.
1 *page.*

Nov. 16. 2. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Lovet, late of Dublin, merchant; stating that he had been forced by the troubles out of Ireland, and had brought 38 pieces of tapestry hangings "of their Ma^ts manufacture of Ireland," which were then in the custom house in London, and not designed for a foreign market; praying to have them delivered customs free: leaving it to their Lordships' consideration. Dated 16 Nov. 1689.
Minuted:—"Agreed to."
Accompanied by the petition and a memorandum.
2 *pages.*

Nov. 18. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Carter, setting forth that the woollen manufacture of this kingdom exported, paid more than three-fourths of the customs, and consequently the same in proportion are the ships and seamen employed, and that it gave life to all trades, and a value to all lands in England, by which means all other branches of the revenue were increased; which being observed by the French King, he had used all arts and means, above this 20 years, to gain the said manufacture, by procuring great quantities of wool from hence, though contrary to law; that the petitioner had been successful in preventing the same, though to his private loss and hazard of his life; praying a present supply to carry "on that affair:" confirming their former report as to the zeal of the petitioner and as to the expense he had been put to. Dated 18 Nov. 1689.
Accompanied by a copy of the said report, the petition, "The case of William Carter," in which he goes more into particulars, copies of two warrants, two affidavits, the deposition of Randal Gosley of the ancient town of Rye, in the county of Sussex, touching the risks run by the said Carter. Also the report above referred to, inclosing an abstract of Will^m Carter's case, setting out his particular services, and an account of his disbursements in preventing the transportation of wool from June 1687 to Nov. 1689.
Minuted:—"R. to Com^rs Customs, to examin his pretensions & report their opinion what gratification is fitt to be given him & in what manner."
15 *pages.*

Nov. 18. 4. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury:—
(1.) As to delays in the port of Liverpool in the despatch of ships engaged in the King's service, for carrying provisions; sending the answers of the officers of that port.
(2.) Reminding their Lordships of their presentment of 2 Oct. last, concerning the alien duty on native commodities exported, and praying speedy directions.

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(3.) Acquainting their Lordships that the charge of boarding and watching prize ships was very great, praying directions whether they should for the future keep tidesmen on board prize ships until their condemnation as the Com^rs for Prizes kept officers on board.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs of Prizes think the custom officers need not continue this duty & it is order'd accordingly."

(4.) As to the difficulty of executing a writ of appraisement by John Bolitho, the officer of customs at Scilly, unless the King were moved for a letter to the Governor quietly to permit the execution thereof; the said officer having made seizure of a French ship and goods there, the latter being imported contrary to the Act of Navigation. Dated 18 Nov. 1689.

2 *pages.*

Nov. 20. 5. Letter, signed O. Wynne (Doctor Wynne on the dorse), without address, begging the favour of the person for whom it was intended to lay the annexed copy of a warrant directed to him, by the late Lords Com^rs of the Treasury, before their Lordships, in order that he might receive such clippings, clipping tools, &c., as had been seized at the trials of clippers; stating that such a warrant was the more necessary, as there were ten to be tried at the next sessions in London, and above 40 informed against for clipping and coining in and about York; also enclosing the accounts of receipts for such clippings and the charge of prosecuting offenders; seeking that their Lordships might be moved to pay him such a sum as was thought requisite, to reimburse him and prosecute offenders; some offenders moved their trials by *certiorari* from Middlesex to the courts at Westminster, and he sought that Mr. Aaron Smith might be directed "once for all," to prosecute at the trials (particularly of one Munday) for uttering false guineas; also sending copy of another warrant to recover papers relating to the public service, to be laid before their Lordships, that it might be renewed. Dated 20 Nov. 1689.

Accompanied by the said documents.

The account is *minuted:*—"Doctor Wynne must pay himselfe the ballance out of the forfeitures, if they will bear it, if not, the L^ds will take care to have it pay'd."

8 *pages and* 2 *half pages.*

[? About Nov. 21.] 6. "A state of the case of Anthony Row, Esq^r, and others, the late contractors of the revenue of hearth money for five years, ending at Lady Day 1684; touching a judgment obtained against S^r Patrick Trant."

Addressed to the Lords of "their Maj^ties Treasury."

Minuted:—"21^th Nov^r. To be heard this day sennight afternoone."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. I., p. 170, 10 Dec. 1689, is the following minute:—"Order'd that Mr. Rowe & partners do forthwith make up their account of the chimney farme."

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Nov. 22. 7. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning a ship called "Francis Padsey," bound for Bilboa, which upon some suspicion, had been under examination by the name of the "Francis of Padstow;" finding that she was the same ship that had been before under inquiry, and that the merchant had appeared before them and affirmed that the goods in the ship were really bound for Bilboa and were insured at 6 per cent., &c. Dated 22 Nov. 1689.

2 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 8. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Carell de Lisle, setting forth that the petitioner, not knowing the laws of England, had been persuaded by a merchant to get leave of Mons. Zuyllistien, to send two chests into England in the ship that brought over the goods of the said Mons. Zuyllistien, which chests were seized as contraband; praying for the King's part of the two chests; stating that there appeared no reason why so much money (419*l.* 12*s.*) should be forgiven to the petitioner. Dated 22 Nov. 1689.

Minuted:—"27 Nov^r 1689. His Ma^tie upon hearing this report read, was pleased to order that his parte of the forfeiture should be graunted to the petitioner. Mr. Hosier to have his 12*d. per li.*"

Accompanied by the petition and a certificate.

1 *page and* 2 *half pages.*

Nov. 22. 9. Presentment from the Com^rs for making farthings and half-pence of tin, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that, being limited to such directions as they should receive from His Majesty, they proposed that the said farthings and half-pence should be coined at twenty pence the pound, with a remedy of two or three farthings on each pound weight; that they should be studded with a core of copper wire in the centre of them; that they should be marked round the edges, with these words: *Nummorum Famulus;* that they be coined with their Majesties' portraitures, and these words, *Gulielmus et Maria,* on one side of them, and the figure of a woman sitting on a globe with the word, *Britannia,* and the year of our Lord on the other side; with this only difference in the reverse of those for Ireland (if their Lordships thought fit) that the Britannia should support a harp with her hand.

[Note.—The above description is nearly a copy of the document.] 22 Nov. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to except as to makeing any difference in the reverse of those farthings that are to go for Ireland."

¾ *page.*

Nov. 23. 10. Letter, signed T. Fairfax, without address, but commencing "My Lord," acknowledging his letter, and stating that he had been much troubled to get money for "these Danish troopes," but had made the best shift he could by the assistance of the Mayor of Hull and some of his brethren, and by Mr. Williamson, the King's receiver for the aid of 12*d.* per pound. Dated 23 Nov. 1689.

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Minuted :—" Send to Com^rs of Customs to know what answer they have to the letters of credit they were orderd to send down for that service."

1 *page* (*quarto*).

Nov. 25. 11. Certificate or presentment from the " Com^rs for farthings," to the effect that tin might be bought in London at 63*l.* 10*s.* per ton, so that if their Lordships saw fit, they could proceed in the coinage before the tin arrived from Cornwall (which would probably be a month) if a thousand pounds were imprested to them. Dated 25 Nov [16]89.

Minuted :—" 1,000^li to be order'd."

1 *page* (*quarto*).

Nov. 26. 12. Letter, signed Jno. Sansom, addressed to Willm. Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring on the part of the Com^rs of Customs that he would lay the enclosed before their Lordships. Dated 26 Nov. 1689.

Accompanied by a report of the Com^rs of Customs as to instructions having been sent to the collector of Newcastle to pay a sum not exceeding 500*l.*, to the Commander-in-Chief of the Danish force, and to the collectors of Hull and the adjacent ports to pay a sum not exceeding 2,000*l.* to Thomas Fotherby, Esq. Also the copy of the Secretary's letter thereon.

2½ *pages.*

Nov. 26. 13. Letter, signed Vere Fane and John Farthing, addressed to William Jephson, Esq., stating that, pursuant to their Lordships' order, they expected to have received an order from the Com^rs to their subordinate officers, but it was with such restrictions, that it would neither answer their desires nor the design of their Lordships, which was an easy access to everything relating to the accounts and management of the excise ; and further desiring their Lordships would order an inquiry into the accounts from 1671, in some such terms as they submitted. Dated 26 Nov. 1689.

Accompanied by copies of orders for the return of the names of brewers and distillers, the names of gaugers and other officers, their salaries, &c.

The following in the *Minute Book*, Vol. I., relate to this enquiry, viz. (1, p. 132), 28 Oct. 1689 :—

" S^r Vere ' Vane ' & partners desir'd to be heere on Friday next, afternoone, in regard there is not now a full Board ; and it is order'd that Mr. Brewer do suffer S^r Vere Vane & partners to inspect & examin the accounts of the excise from the yeare 1680."

And (2, p. 164), 3 Dec. 1689 :—

"The Com^rs of Excise called in, with Sir Vere Fane & Mr. Farthing. The Lords told the Com^rs that they sent for y^m upon a letter from S^r Vere Fane & partners, desiring a more gen^ll order, for an inquiry from 1677 into y^e books & papers of y^e excise. The Com^rs answered, that they thought the orders they gave pursuant to their Lordships first direction were very full ; and they are as

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ready to give any other that the Lds shall command, as Sir Vere & partners are to desire them, and though the accts from 77 to 83 have been sufficiently examined, audited, & passed, and discharges thereupon given under the broad seale, yet if they would inspect from 77 or 57 they are content; and that it shall be in what method Sir Vere & his partners shall desire; and if there be any difficulty, upon their making it known to ye Comrs they will remove it. Whereupon it was ordered and agreed that they should looke back for what time they please."

2 *pages.*

Nov. 26. 14. Letter, signed Edw. Noell, addressed to Willm. Jephson, Esq., stating that by his command he had sent to Mr. Fox, collector of excise in Hull, and directed him to pay to Mr. Thomas Fothersly (*sic* ? Fotherby) such money as he had in hand or could advance not exceeding 2,000*l.*, and to take Mr. Fotherly's bills drawn on Mr. James Herryott. Dated 26 Nov. 1689.

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Nov. 27. 15. Report of the Commrs of Custom to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to their Lordships' commands, requiring them to certify what sum they thought necessary to be paid to Mr. William Carter, in part of his demand to carry on the suits now depending, giving their opinion that 300*l.* might be a sufficient supply. Dated 27 Nov. 1689.

Minuted :—" Agreed to."

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 238, 7 March 1689–90: " Order'd that Mr Carter have 30li. for the prosecution of the wool businesse."

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Nov. 28. 16. Copy of a report made to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of John Pye to be solicitor, to take care of coast-bonds, in place of one George Robinson, who had been charged with perjury, vindicating the latter from the same, and recommending him to their Lordships as a very useful and experienced officer, and fit to be continued. Dated 28 Nov. [16]89.

[The initials only of the persons reporting are given.]

2½ *pages.*

Nov. 28. 17. Letter of Mr. Sansom to William Jephson, Esq., transmitting copies of the replies received from the collectors of Hull and Newcastle, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury, viz., as to the payment of 500*l.* to two Danish officers at Newcastle, and as to there being but 200*l.* in cash, in the hands of the collector at Hull, but the Mayor and Aldermen had advanced 800*l.*, and the Receiver-General of the 12*d.* per pound, had promised to pay the 2,000*l.* Dated 28 Nov. [16]89.

1 *page, and two half pages.*

Dec. 2. 18. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of the governor and fellowship of English merchants

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called the Muscovy Company, seeking for the renewal of an order for importing seal-oil from Russia, in English built shipping, paying only 6*s.* 8*d.* a ton, stating that they had nothing to object thereto. Dated 2 Dec. 1689.

Accompanied by the petition and the copy of the order above referred to.

Minuted :—"Order'd."

5¼ *pages.*

Dec. 2. 19. A modern copy of the case of Mr. Usher, Receiver-General of New England, drawn out for the Attorney and Solicitor General's opinion, with their separate opinions thereon, signed George Treby, 2 Dec. 1689; and J. Somers. The point in question was, as to the issuing of warrants for the assessing the inhabitants. Dated 2 Dec. 1689.

Also another paper on the assessment of taxes and duties there and in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

5 *pages.*

Dec. 3. 20. Letter of Anthony Isaacson to William Jephson, Esq., stating that though he had not the money paid him on account of the aid of 12*d.* per pound for the town of Newcastle, he would find a way to accommodate the 500*l.* if the Danish officers required it, but the Brigadier Elnberger thinks it beneath him to receive his money from Baron Juell, &c. Dated 3 Dec. 1689.

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Dec. 4. 21. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that if their Lordships had sat that morning, he should have acquainted them that it was the King's pleasure that they should provide 1,500*l.* forthwith to be sent to Mr. Fotherby, at York, to be disposed of according to the Duke of Wirtemburg's order, for the buying of 100 horses to recruit the regiments under his command, and 300*l.* more for the recruiting of horses lost by officers of foot belonging to those forces, desiring him to acquaint their Lordships therewith, upon attending His Majesty in the afternoon. Dated Council Ch[amber] 4 Dec. 1689.

Minuted :—"Order is sent to the officers of excise at York to pay it."

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Dec. 4. 22. Letter of Ralph Williamson to William Jephson, Esq., in answer to one ordering him to pay out of such money as he had or should receive upon the Aid Act of 12*d.* per pound for the county of York, to Mr. Thos. Fotherby upon account of the Danish troops, any sum not exceeding 4,000*l.*, acquainting him that upon the arrival of the Danish forces at Hull, Colonel Thomas Fairfax sent an express for him to come there, and he found the men in an ill condition aboard their ships, and those that were landed could not march for want of money to pay their quarters. He had received no money upon the aid at that time, and there was little or none to be had upon the customs or excise; he had borrowed 800*l.* on his own credit and given it to Mr. Fotherby, and had since

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paid him 800*l.* more. He desired to know if the 1,600*l.* paid Mr. Fotherby should be inclusive or exclusive of the 4,000*l.* He further adds that the Prince of Winterburge (Wirtemburg), the Danish general, was expected there that day. Dated York, 4 Dec. 1689.

Minuted:—"It must be inclusive, but the L^ds^ desire to know how much money and in what tyme he can furnish for this service, in regard that more will be wanting at York."

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Dec. 5. 23. Letter of S. Bowles, addressed to Wm. Jephson, Esq., Secretary of the Treasury, stating that he had communicated his letter to the Lords of the Admiralty, desiring a convoy to bring two ships laden with tin from Falmouth to London, and informing him in answer that there was no ship at liberty, but the two ships might come under the protection of the "Charles," galley, which was coming from the coast of Ireland, and ordered to call in the western ports. Dated 5 Dec. [16]89.

Accompanied by a letter of Mr. Godolphin to Mr. Jephson, on the same subject, and another memorandum.

2 *pages and a little piece.*

Dec. 6. 24. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the importation of nutmegs, cinnamon, cloves, and mace, stating that the English East India Company could not furnish the nation therewith, and that there was so great a demand for them, that they would be clandestinely imported, unless some provision should be made for the free and open importation thereof, either by Parliament, or the renewal of a previous proclamation. Dated 6 Dec. 1689.

Minuted:—"Speak with the Com^rs^ Customs."

2 *pages.*

Dec. 6. 25. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Frances Thornton, widow, whose annuity of 40*l.* *per ann.* was refused to be paid by Mr. Mytton, the controller of Hull, stating that they saw no way of relief, unless their Lordships should order the Receiver-General here, and the controller's deputy at Hull, to pay such moneys of the said Myttons as had been received or grown due since the determination of the former grant. Dated 6 Dec. 1689.

Accompanied by two petitions and a letter of Frances Thornton, addressed to Mr. Langford at the Treasury, pleading the deplorable condition of the family, and begging for an order for the money. Also an account of what the fees in the controller's office came to.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

6 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 26. Extract of a letter from Mr. Fotherby, dated at York the 7th of December 1689, to Mr. Blathwayt, in which the former objected to the deduction of 1,600*l.* from the last 4,000*l.* which Mr. Williamson was to receive from the excise and customs of Hull.

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Dec. 9. 27. Report of William Tailer, in the absence of Mr. Surveyor-General, addressed to the [Lords of the Treasury], on the petition of John Lord Ossulston, who had purchased an estate of the late Earl of Arlington, within Marylebone Park, of which the said Earl had a lease from the Crown for 60 years; the petitioner prayed an addition of 20 years to his lease. The report finds that the lease was so granted by Charles the Second, for 60 years, at 36*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, which grant was assigned by the said Earl to his brother (the petitioner), on 22 Nov. 1675, for the remainder of the term, viz., 38 years; and advises that if the King and their Lordships grant the petitioner's request, it was reasonably worth a fine of 1,000*l.*, &c. Dated 9 Dec. 1689.

Minuted :—"Respited till His Ma^ties returne."

3 *pages.*

Dec. 9. 28. Presentment from the Com^rs of Excise, about 20,000*l.* due to Mr. Duncomb, stating that there remained unpaid of the loans made by several citizens of London, near the sum of 23,000*l.*, besides 5,000*l.* demanded by Mr. Nathaniel Horneby, making in all 48,000*l.* besides interest. Dated 9 Dec. 1689.

Minuted :—"Mr. Duncomb call'd in & ask'd touching the 20,000*l.* advanced by him on the excise, & by him now demanded; & it being told him that it was intended as a security for his place as cashier of th' excise, he answered that he does not take it to be so, but was lent to the P. of Orange and that by the late patent to the Com^rs of Excise, he is made cashier upon advancing his share of that money. The Lords will see the patent & consider it."

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Dec. 10. 29. Presentment of the principal Com^rs for Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, as to certain fish lying in a small vessel in Milford Haven, condemned as prize, and as to a cargo of salt, lying in a small vessel of about 40 tons burthen, at Minehead, viz., as to permission to enter the same on payment of duties. Dated 10 Dec. 1689.

Minuted :—"The goods being within the Act for prohibiting French commodities, the Lords will give no directions in it."

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Dec. 11. 30. Letter of Ralph Williamson to William Jephson, Esq., stating that he had paid Mr. Fotherby 4,000*l.* on account of the Danish forces, and that he might acquaint the Lords of the Treasury, that he could pay next week 2,000*l.* at York, 1,000*l.* at Durham, and 2,000*l.* at Newcastle and Berwick, of which facts he had acquainted the Duke of Winterburge (Wirtemburg), the general then at York; and the money at Durham and Newcastle he would apply for the payment of the horse which were to march to Scotland, asking advice as to the payment of the money to the general. Dated York, 11 Dec. 1689.

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Dec. 13. 31. Letter of Ralph Williamson to William Jephson, Esq., stating that the Lords of the Treasury had ordered him to pay Mr. Fotherby 1,600*l.* "exclusive" of the 4,000*l.* which in his last was "inclusive;" it put him in a strait to comply with the order, but he had paid 500*l.* of it, and he had gone to that county [? Durham] to get up the remainder, &c. Dated Darlington, 13 Dec. 1689.
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Dec. 16. 32. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the Surveyor-General in the port of Chester reported that there were several small parcels of woollen manufacture in their Majesties' warehouse at Liverpool, belonging to poor Protestants fled from Ireland, who begged that the said goods might be delivered free of duty.
Minuted:—"Agreed to."
Also laying the case of Elizabeth Richardson before their Lordships, who prayed that six pieces of serge, sent from Dublin to the port of Chester, might be delivered duty free. Dated 16 Dec. 1689.
Minuted:—"Agreed to."
2 *pages.*

Dec. 16. 33. Copy of a letter signed "William Blathwayt," addressed to William Jephson, Esq., desiring him to acquaint the Lords of the Treasury that the King had ordered Mr. Herriot, the commissary of the Danish forces, 500*l.*, for the use of the Duke of Wirtemburg, for his equipage, &c. Dated 16 Dec. 1689.
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Dec. 18. 34. Letter of Ralph Williamson to William Jephson, Esq., asking him to acquaint their Lordships that he would comply with their commands and pay the 5,000*l.* then directed, but could not pay at Berwick above 300*l.*, that being the full receipt there, but would pay at York or at Newcastle what fell due at Berwick in the march of the Danish horse; this 5,000*l.*, and the 4,000*l.* formerly paid to Mr. Fotherby, and what he had remitted by other hands, would be near the moneys in his hand. He would order one of his head collectors to pay the 3,000*l.* at Durham, Newcastle, and Berwick to the Danish forces in their march for Scotland, and when that was done would hasten to London to render an account to their Lordships of his management of his first receipt under the Act of 12*d.* per pound. Dated York, 18 Dec. 1689.
1½ *pages.*

Dec. 19. 35. Letter of William Blathwayt, Esq., to William Jephson, Esq., stating that a warrant had lain for some days past in the hands of Mr. Herriot for 500*l.* to the Duke of Wirtemburg, to be paid to his order at London; but Mr. Herriot answered nothing of that kind till the particular sum was appointed him by the Treasury, which occasioned this letter, in order that the Duke might not think himself neglected. Dated 19 Dec. 1689.
Accompanied by the copy of a letter of Mr. Fairfax to the Earl of Nottingham, stating that he was commanded by the King to attend

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the Duke, and advise him in marching the Danish troops from this place (York) to Chester; but before they could quit their quarters there must be money to put the officers and soldiers out of debt; the officers had been spending their money for two months and had received none, at which they were much surprised, and for this there must be at least 10,000*l.* The officers stuck not to say, that the love they had for the Duke kept them from desiring leave to go home, since the terms of the "capitulations" were not complied with. Dated 16 Dec. 1689.

Also a computation of the pay of the said Danish troops.

3 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 36. "Memoriall from the Com^rs of Farthings, touching 1,742^li 11*s.* 3*d.*, due to Mr. Boscawen for tin bought in Cornwall for His Ma^tie." Dated 19 Dec. 1689.

There is this note on the dorse:—"Mr. Boscowen will lend the money (when payd him) on the 12*d.* bill."

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Dec. 20. 37. A paper headed:—"Memorand. for the workes, 20 Dec. 89," addressed to Lord Godolphin, stating that their Lordships, at three several times, had directed 1,500*l.* for the ordinary service of their Majesties' works; seeking to know whether it should be paid out, in "course," as formerly, and as was then and had been practised in most of their Majesties' offices; or upon the account that had accrued since their Majesties' accession to the throne; praying that the former plan might be adopted, and setting forth the inconvenience of the latter. Praying further that they would direct the payment of 1,000*l.* for the new buildings at Hampton Court; 500*l.* for Kensington buildings; 200*l.* for the road in the park done by Francklain; and that they would give directions for the advance of 10,000*l.* for the ordinary service of the works (1,000*l.* being already paid by the Exchequer).

In relation to the works at Hampton Court, there are the following entries in the *Minute Book*, Vol. I.:—

(P. 174.) "18 Dec. 1689. Sir Chr. Wren to attend then [*i.e.* to-morrow morning] about the wall which is falln at Hampton Court. The King orders that businesse to be examined."

(P. 177.) "19 Dec. 1689. Sir Christopher Wrenn call'd in about the wall that is fallen at H. Court, & told that the King commands that matter should be examined into by the office of the works, and that he do report it to their Lop^s in writeing."

(P. 182.) "30 Dec. 1689. Sir Christopher Wrenn and M^r Tallman for an account of the condicon of the building of Hampton Court. Sir Christopher saies they are preparing to give an acco^t in writing; he is told the doing this is a thing so nice that it must be required of them without delay, that warning was given them a week agoe, tho' it may be necessary to use caution in the making this state; yet it requires some hast, for the King is of opinion y^e building is in a bad condition, & therefore they should make hast & dispatch their report, under the hands of all y^e office. S^r Christo-

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pher thinks that may not be so well, & that he will goe & examine upon oath, and that their Lordps shall have the affidavits of able men, not interested, bricklayers, carpenters, & masons that have left off their aprons, & are without suspition of being influenced by him. He is told ye King is in hast to see the condicon of it as it stands now, and answers that he believes it will stand very well, and promises to bring in his report on this day sennight, wch wil be Munday 6th January."

(P. 188.) " 10 Jan. 1689–90. The reports of Sir Christopher Wren and Mr Talman concerning the workes at Hampton Court, as also Mr. Emmett's peticon were read.

" Sir Christopher Wren was called in, and His Majtie was pleased upon hearing him to order that the Lords should send for Mr Talman, and that unlesse, upon hearing him, they find materiall cause to the contrary, the workes at Hampton Court are to proceed."

(P. 189.) " 13 Jan. 1689–90. The Surveyor-Genll & controller of the works call'd in, & their reports were read.

" The surveyour objects agt Mr Latham (in the comptrs certificate) for a madman, and sayes the work has stood a new tryal in a hurrycane.

" Mr. Tallman sayes my Lord Chamberlaine's lodgings kept the wind absolutely from this building, & that Latham is not madd.

" Mr. Banks saies there are 24 peers next the garden, and but four stones crackt; and ye cracks no bigger than an haires breadth, that the building, every day it stands, is stronger, and grows lighter.

" Mr. Tallman saies every pier is crackt, that one may putt his finger in.

" Mr Oliver saies none of ye masons Mr Tallman brought understood so good work as this is.

" Mr. Talman sayes that Pierce, Thompson, & another (in his certificates) are three masons that Sr Christopher imploys, that the peers are all hollow, and crampt wth iron to keep them together.

" Sr C. Wrenn: 'What was done for greater caution ought not to be malitiously interpreted.'

" Tallman: 'Pray let 6 be chosen by mee, and 6 by you to judg in this matter.'

" 'The Lords think they'l never agree, one part will say one thing th'other another.'

" Wren: 'I'le putt it on this, a man cannot putt his finger in ye cracks.'

" Mr. Tallman says they are stopt.

" The Lords say this is a matter of fact, that they'l appoint indifferent persons to view ye same; and (after the officers of ye works withdrew) agreed upon Serjt Ryly, Sr Samuel Morland, and Mr. Fitch, who are to have an extract of the reports, to examine ye cracks, &c., in ye building, & to give their opinion by Wednesday morn., whether they think it will stand or no."

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Dec. 24. 38. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Howard, Esq., praying a grant to him of

1689. the office of customer of the port of Berwick, instead of to James Waring; stating that they had nothing to object. Dated 24 Dec. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition, copy of a letter of the Duke of Norfolk, recommending his cousin the petitioner, an affidavit, and a certificate.

5 *pages, or parts of pages.*

[About Dec. 24.] 39. Petition of Thomas Chetwynd, gent., addressed to the King, showing that he had been for upwards of 16 years in the 1st troop of Guards, and was a lieutenant in the regiment of Sir Henry Ingoldsby in Ireland, but had lost the use of his limbs; praying for a subsistence of half-pay, or what other provision the King thought fitting.

Without date, but accompanied by three certificates dated 21 and 24 Dec. [16]89.

3 *pages* (*quarto*).

Dec. 25. 40. Letter, signed Ralph Williamson, addressed to William Jephson, Esq. [Secretary of the Treasury], acknowledging the letter directing him to pay 1,600*l.*, exclusive of the 4,000*l.* and 5,000*l.*, but as he had remitted all the money to London, he could not retrieve those bills; yet he had found credit for 1,000*l.*, which he had paid to Mr. Fotherby for the use of the Danish forces. He could not procure more money in any reasonable time, so had sent an express to Durham and Newcastle, and would himself go the next morning to Hull, and if he could procure any considerable sum, would send it to Mr. Fotherby; he had ordered his agent to advise Mr. Fotherby from Durham and Newcastle what money could be had there, and had written to Mr. Isaacson to be assistant; but trade being then very little in those northern counties, made money very scarce, &c. Dated York, 25 Dec. 1689.

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[?1689.] 41. Petition of "Geremia" Crey, Esq., Sheriff of Wiltshire for the year ended at Michaelmas 1688, addressed to the Lords "of their Majesties Treasury," praying that the surplusage of 88*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* due to him might be paid. Without date.

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1682–1689. 42. Excise Commission.

Mr. Noells bill of [law] charges allowed in y^e^ acco^t^ ended Midsom^r^ 1686."

Also in 1682, 1683, 1687, and 1689.

19 *pages, some half-folio.*

[1689.] 43. A paper commencing:—"Mr. Papillon reports from the com^ee^ to whom it was referred to consider what sum may be necessary to allow by the yeare for the charge of a summer & winter guard at sea, and guards and guarrisons at land, and the office of ordnance in time of peace, out of 1,200,000^li^ *per ann.* to be settled upon their

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Maties, for the constant necessary charge of supporting the crowne in time of peace; that the comee having taken the same into their consideration, had agreed upon sevll resolves wch he read in his place, & afterwards delivered the said resolves in at the clerkes table," &c.

With the resolutions is also the following account:—

"An account of the number of shipps of warr & other vessells necessary for a summer and winter guard at sea in a time of peace, wth their sevll stations, quality of ships, & number of men."

Without date, but the 1,200,000*l.* granted in 1689.

5 *pages.*

1689. 44. Necessaries "de termino Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Gulielmi & Mariæ Rs et Regine, primo, anno Domini 1689."

They chiefly relate to stationery stores.

Long page.

[About 1689.] 45. Petition of William Vanbrugh, for a tally for 328*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* upon the Act for 2*s.* in the 1*l.* The said money was due on account of the regiment late under the command of the Lord Lovelace.

Minuted:—"He must have it out of the officers pay."

Without date. [The Act for 2*s.* in the pound is most likely the Act passed in 1689.]

¾ *page* (*quarto*).

[? About 1689.] 46. Petition to the Lords of their Majesties' Treasury of John Rogers, and Anne, his wife, the latter of whom had been instrumental in the preservation of the life of King Charles the Second after the battle of Worcester, and had received 100*l.* a year pension; praying for the payment of the arrears.

Without date. [Their Majesties mentioned.]

Minuted:—"To be put upon Mr Squibs list."

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[About 1689 or 1690.] 47. Memorial to the King, of Senior Gachon, to whose guardianship King Charles entrusted the Duke of St. Albans, and who was displaced for a Papist governor by King James, as he wished to induce the Duke to change his religion; praying for a continuation of his pension of 100*l.* a year.

Minuted:—"To have 100*l.* a yeare." [French.]

Without date, but the pension was paid up to the coronation of [Will. III.]

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[? About 1689 or 1690.] 48. "Sir Henry Gough's answer to Mr Wyrley's letter." A paper so indorsed, being his strictures on the conduct and fitness of certain persons, proposed to be appointed as justices of the peace in the hundred of Offlow, in the co. of Stafford.

Without date. [The Baron Turton mentioned: he is most likely Sir John Turton, who was made a Baron of the Exchequer in the year 1689, and "their Majesties" also mentioned.]

3 *pages* (*quarto*).

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[About 1689 or 1690.] 49. Petition of Ralph Williamson to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the carrying out of the Poll Act in the counties of Durham and Northumberland and town of Berwick-upon-Tweed; also respecting the patent for the controller's office of Newcastle, for which there was a warrant directed to pass, and on which there was a dispute as to the charge of a pension of 50*l.* a year.

Without date; but the Act for raising money by a poll was passed in 1689.

Another petition on the passing of the said patent.

2½ *pages.*

1689. 50. Wages and gratuities due to keepers and rangers at Lady Day 1689, the whole amount being 283*l.* 16*s.*, which was paid 11 May [16]89.

Apparently a copy of a later date.

1½ *pages.*

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1689–90. Jan. 1. 1. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, informing them that Mr. Butts wrote word from York that no part of the 10,000*l.* ordered by their Lordships for the Danish forces would be paid there by Mr. Williamson: the King had, at the request of Mr. Butts, granted him 20*l.* more, besides the 30*l.* he had received, and would have their Lordships order Mr. Fotherby to pay him the same. Dated Jan. 1, 1689–90.

Minuted:—"Mr. Blathwaite will write to Mr. Fotherby to pay Mr. Butts 20^{li}."

1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About Jan 1.] 2. Extract of a letter from Mr. Fotherby, to Mr. Blathwayt, dated at York 1 Jan. 1689, saying that he had then received the remainder of the 1,600 pounds from Mr. Williamson, by a bill from Hull; but for the 10,000*l.* there was no thought of it.

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Jan. 2. 3. Presentment from the Com^{rs} for Farthings to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them that they had then 400*l.* ready coined in farthings, and by the 15th they should have the complement of 1,000*l.*; praying directions how it should be disposed of, and to whom it should be delivered for the service of Ireland, and further suggesting how it should be taxed. Dated 2 Jan. 1689.

Minuted:—"M^{r} Harbord is to receive the farthings as they are made and pay for them."

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Jan. 2. 4. Letter of Edward Noell addressed to Samuel Langford, Esq., for their Lordships' information, stating that letters had been writ-

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ten to the collectors of the excise, for moneys to be paid to Mr. Fotherby for the use of the Danish troops: in answer to which, 1,800*l.* had been paid by Mr. Fox, the collector at Hull. Dated 2 Jan. 1689.
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Jan. 2 or 3. 5. "Presentm^t from Com^rs of Excise [addressed to the Lords of the Treasury] touching 25,000^li for the Dutch." Dated 2 Jan. 1689, and on the outside 3 Jan. 1689–90.
Minuted:—"The Dutch must have it."
1 *page.*

Jan. 2 & 3. 6. Letter signed "Jo. Knight," to Samuel Langford, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers, stating that, on Mr. Sansom's letter, he had searched the Custom House books as to a bill drawn by Col. Fairfax and others, for 200*l.* Dated 3 Jan. 1689.
Accompanied by two letters from the said Mr. Sansom, addressed to William Jephson, Esq., and to Anthony Isaacson, Esq., collector of customs at Newcastle, as to the pay of the Danish forces. (To one of these are added copies of three other letters.) The first dated 2 Jan. 1689, and the others in Nov. 1689.
3 *pages and two halves.*

Jan 3. 7. Letter of John Sansom to Mr. Saml. Longford, at the Treasury Chamber, in answer to a letter desiring to know what answers were received from the collectors of Chester and Liverpool for the furnishing of money to Mr. Henry Greenhill; enclosing the copy of the letter sent to those collectors, and their reply. Dated 3 Jan. 1689.
1 *page and two halves.*

Jan. 3. 8. Letter of Edward Noell, addressed to Saml. Longford, Esq., stating that he had examined the receipts of the four collectors of excise for Yorkshire. Each of their divisions came near York, and he believed they might furnish the Lords' order with about 4,000*l.* each round, &c. Mr. Fox, collector for York and Hull, could advance money on his own credit, in the vacancy of a round, &c. Dated 3 Jan. 1689.
1 *page.*

Jan. 3. 9. Letter of attorney of Thomas Harries, Esq., Mayor of the town and county of Haverfordwest, appointing Richard Harries, of the city of London, gent., to receive 34*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* laid out by the said Mayor for the maintenance of certain prisoners in the gaol. Dated 3 Jan. 1689.
Schedule, showing the names and dates of committal of the said prisoners, who were soldiers late in the service of King James the Second.
On the dorse is:—"13° Junii 1690. Paid."
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Jan. 7. 10. Representation by the Com^rs of Excise and Hearth Money to the Lords of the Treasury, referring, (1,) to a former complaint received from the collectors of excise, on behalf of the supervisors and gaugers, that they were assessed at 12*d.* in the pound for their salaries.

[*Minuted in the margin*:—" The Lords will allow it, the Com^rs takeing due care to be satisfied that the officers do pay it."]

(2). Sending a list of moneys received from several officers of excise, by various lords and gentlemen in several counties, amounting to 11,376*l.* 7*s.* 11¼*d.*, and another list of moneys received from officers of the hearth money, amounting to 2,217*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* Dated 7 Jan. 1689.

Accompanied by two lists of the said moneys.

5 *pages.*

Jan. 9. 11. Copy of an Order in Council, made 9 Jan. 1689, upon the reading of a report from the principal Secretaries of State and the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the extraordinaries to be allowed for the time to come to His Majesty's ministers employed abroad: giving a schedule of the said quarterly allowances.

Accompanying is a separate schedule, being a copy of the last.

3 *pages.*

Jan. 9 & 16. 12. A report made to the Lords of the Treasury by certain referees on the petition of John Brice, Receiver-General of the first aid by a six months assessment for the county of Somerset, viz., for his extraordinary charges, for which they thought 120*l.* a reasonable allowance. Dated 9 Jan. 1689–90, with an addition thereto dated 16 Jan. 1689–90.

Minuted:—" Agreed to."

The petition referred to, and an account of the charges expended by the said Receiver-General, including the expense of guarding the money.

4 *pages, one very large.*

Jan. 13. 13. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, advising the appointment of John Dynes for surveyor of Colchester, in preference to Mr. Stephen Furley, who was not, in their opinion, by reason of his age, of sufficient vigour and strength to undergo the labour of that employment. Dated 13 Jan. 1689.

Minuted:—" M^r Furley is to have it."

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Jan. 14. 14. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the extract of two presentments from the principal Com^rs for Prizes; one in relation to a parcel of Newfoundland fish and the other concerning certain Surinam muscovado sugar condemned as prize.

The former minuted:—" The L^ds think this within the Act of prohibition, and do not think fitt to give any direction in it."

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The latter: —"If it be not within the Act of prohibition, the L^ds^ agree it should pay as they propose."
Dated 14 Jan. 1689.
Accompanied by the presentment referred to.
2 *pages.*

Jan. 15. 15. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Thomas Wolstenholme, customer of the port of Bridgewater, approving of the confirmation of his appointment. Dated 15 Jan. 1689.
Minuted:—"Agreed."
Accompanied by the petition and his "reasons for yo^r^ Hono^rs^ to favour him in the collection of Bridgewater."
3 *pages.*

Jan. 16. 16. Petition of Charles Killigrew, Esq., master of their Majesties' revels, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of his fee two years in arrear at Christmas 1689, viz., 20*l.*
Docquetted:—16 Jan. 1689.
Minuted:—"Shall be pay'd only for the year 1689."
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Jan. 16. 17. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joshua Solard, as to the importation of molasses from France, advising that the molasses in question should be admitted to entry and delivered on payment of the duties. Dated 16 Jan. 1689.
Accompanied by the petition and an affidavit.
Minuted:—"Agreed to."
3½ *pages.*

Jan. 17. 18. Letter of William Blathwayt to William Jephson, Esq., reminding him that there would be at least 10,000*l.* necessary for the Danish foot, to meet them in their quarters near Chester, where they were to be in less than 10 days. With a postscript as to money or credit to be sent to Mr. Robinson at Chester, and for money to pay for Mr. Bevan's corn in Wales, and a query how the [troops] should be paid in Londonderry. Dated 17 Jan. 1689–90.
In the *Minute Book,* Vol. I. p. 196, on 20 Jan. 1689–90, is the following entry:—
"Mr. Blathwaite informs [*sic*] that it will be requisite that there be provided for the Danes 10,000^li^, to be pay'd them at Chester & thereabouts, within 10 days, & 7000^li^ more to be pay'd them at & about Londonderry."
1 *page* (*quarto*).

Jan. 17. 19. Letter of Ralph Williamson to William Jephson, Esq., desiring him to move their Lordships that Mr. James Herriott might be enabled to pay the remainder of the 10,600*l.*, which he paid to the Danish forces, there being 3,100*l.* yet unpaid, and praying for an order from their Lordships to pay the quarters of the Danish forces in Yorkshire. Dated 17 Jan. 1689.

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There is the following entry as to the payment of these forces in the *Minute Book*, Vol. I. p. 207, on 31 Jan. 1689–90:—

"Mr Blathwaite & Mr Williamson call'd in about getting money for the Danes at York. Mr Williamson will pay all he can there, & to enable them to march. Mr Blathwaite says there must be besides what Mr. Williamson can pay, 10 or 12,000li sent *in specie* to York. Upon further discourse, Mr Blathwait says that if ther be at York on the 17th of February 15,000li it will be sufficient. Mr Williamson undertakes to pay by that day 5000li to Mr Fotherby, & the Lds will take care to send 100,000li *in specie*."

1 *page* (*quarto*).

Jan. 18. 20. Report of Richard Hutchinson, Esq., on an allegation put in by Chr. Fawthrope. His report is, that he was not prosecuted about penal laws and test, nor by Sir Nicholas Butler particularly, but by order of the whole Board, for re-landing certain parcels of tobacco, on which he forfeited 600*l.*, &c. Dated 18 Jan. 1689.

Accompanied by his petition, praying to be acquitted of the judgment against him.

Minuted:—"To be forgiven a forfeiture of 600*l.*" Further down:—"The K. will not forgive it."

2 *pages*.

Jan. 19. 21. Letter of the Secretary of State (Shrewsbury) to Mr. Jephson, Secretary to the Treasury, stating that having examined Captain Read, who was lately stopped in the Hope, as he was carrying men to serve the late King, the writer found that the passengers on board the vessels bound for Flanders were taken in at or before they came to Gravesend, without the notice of the searcher, and that vessels trading to and from Flanders carry their cargos to Dunkirk, &c. Dated 19 Jan. 1689-90.

1 *page* (*quarto*).

Jan. 20. 22. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham [Secretary of State], addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a paper received for them from Mons. Rosenheim, the first commissary of the Danish troops in England, in order that the King's directions might be taken. Dated 20 Jan. 1689–90.

On the dorse:—"For the King."

Accompanied by a copy of the said letter, and by the application of the said Mons. Rosenheim to their Lordships for the payment of 120,000 crowns, due for the transport of the troops, viz., 16,000*l.* in money at London, and the rest in good bills of exchange, payable at Hamburgh.

3 *half pages*.

Jan. 22. 23. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Brett and John Waring, patent searchers of the port of Chester, praying to be admitted to take out a new patent; approving of their so doing. Dated 22 Jan. 1689.

Accompanied by the petition and a certificate.

Minuted:—"Agreed to. Grant renewed."

3 *pages*.

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Jan. 23. 24. Letter written by order of the Com^rs of Customs to William Jephson, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting an account out of the searcher's office of what ships had cleared out of the port of London for Flanders, for five months past, and the nature of their cargos. Dated 23 Jan. 1689.
5 pages and two half pages.

Jan. 24. 25. Presentment from the "Com^rs for Farthings," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had paid Mr. Boscawen 1,742*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, which remained due to him for tin bought in Cornwall, and further acquainting them that they should by the end of the next week have completed the coining of 10 tons of tin which their Lordships had directed them to buy, and this would in tale amount to more than 1,800*l.* Mr. Harboord was not ready to receive that money, and until they knew what quantity might be issued for Ireland, they could not propound to their Lordships to buy any more tin there; the 50 tons expected from Cornwall being probably more than would be disposed of that year in England. Dated 24 Jan. 1689.
On the dorse is:—"For the King when Mr. Harbord is by."
1 *page.*

Jan. 24. 26. Representation of the Com^rs of Excise and Hearth Money to the Lords of the Treasury, that the several bills therein referred to, were drawn upon the late victuallers of the Navy, from whom they could by no means procure the money. Dated 24 Jan. 1689.
Minuted:—"The Com^rs of Excise not to press for this money till further order."
1 *page.*

[About Jan. 28.] 27. Petition of the Lady Margaret Hay, administratrix of William late Earl of Kinnoul, deceased, and guardian to William now Earl of Kinnoul and his two sisters, addressed to the King and Queen, showing that King James I. granted the region called the Barbadoes, or Caribbee Islands, to the Earl of Carlisle in fee, after whom it was vested in William the late Earl of Kinnoul, to whom King Charles II. agreed in 1663 to give 500*l. per ann.* for seven years, and 1,000*l. per ann.* for ever, upon his surrender of his interest therein, and in 1672, granted 600*l. per ann.* for five years, and 1,000*l. per ann.* for ever, out of the revenue of 4½ per cent., &c.; the said Earl being then dead, there was a considerable sum due to his son William, the then Earl, although the Crown received above 6,000*l. per ann.* from those islands. Praying payment of the arrears.
Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 28 Jan. 1689–90.
1 *page.*

Jan. 29. 28. Report of Sir Geo. Treby, Attorney-General, on the petition of the inhabitants of the county of Cornwall, as to the obligation of the Crown, or Sir Hugh Pyper, constable of the castle of Launceston, to repair the gaol, the partitions of which were broken down, "so that the men and women comitted to the said gaole are constrayned to bee and lye together." Dated 29 Jan. 1689–90.

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The Report is written on the back of the petition.
Minuted:—"A *scire facias* to be brought by Mr. Aaron Smith."
2 *pages.*

Jan. 30. 29. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham [Secretary of State] to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that by the treaty with the King of Denmark, the last payment for his troops was to be 120,000 crowns, of which His Majesty appointed 16,000*l.* to be paid here to Mons. Rosenheim, who would take them at 4*s.* 10*d.* for the crown, *i.e.*, 3,883*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; Mons. Rosenheim then only desired 12,000 crowns, so that if their Lordships gave an order to Mr. Herne to pay him 2,900*l.* his Lordship would get an acquittance for 12,000 crowns. Of the remainder that was to be remitted to Hamburgh, Mr. Molesworth had already procured 60,000 crowns, to be imprested to the King of Denmark, and was engaged to see that sum repaid; and the King's pleasure was that their Lordships should give directions to Mr. Herne to send orders to his correspondent at Hamburgh, to pay Mr. Molesworth the said 6,000 crowns and the rest to be deferred. Dated 30 Jan. 1689–90.
1 *page* (*quarto*).

About Feb. 2. 30. Petition of Sir Richard Reeves, Knt., late Recorder, Sir Francis Brewster, Knt., Luke Lowther, John Rogerson, Wm. Watts, late aldermen, James Cottingham and James Howiston late sheriffs, in behalf of the late Lord Mayor, sheriffs, commons, and citizens of Dublin, showing that the most part of the revenue of that city was spent in preserving the English interest, the Protestant religion, and the said city against the Irish rebels in 1641, in consideration of which King Charles the Second granted 500*l.* *per ann.* for "its support"; that since 1660 the city had increased in people, trade, and buildings, the latter of which had been so costly that the city had run into debt; that under the auspices of the Earl of Tyrconnel, a new charter was granted to Papists, for whose sakes the old charters were destroyed, so that the Protestant members of the corporation were displaced; that the said Papists had wasted all the plate, goods, and chattels of the corporation in carrying on the rebellion, and their pretended Parliament had confiscated all the estates and goods and attainted the Protestant members of that corporation. Praying for the grant of all the forfeitures of such as were in rebellion, and held from that city, by lease or otherwise, lands or houses, and the forfeitures of the Papists who so illegally succeeded the petitioners in their several places in the corporation, and were then in rebellion against their Majesties. Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 2 Feb. 1689–90.
Minuted:—"To be consider'd in due tyme."
1 *page.*

Feb. 3. 31. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on their Lordships' reference to them of the petition of Sir Scroop Howe to His Majesty, praying that he might have a commission to view and examine the receipts and payments of all officers employed or concerned in the duty of hearth money, from Lady Day 1685 to

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Lady Day 1689, at which time that duty determined; and that where it should appear any officer was in arrear to their Majesties for the duty, that he might receive the arrear to his own use, informing their Lordships that King Charles the Second took the revenue of hearth-money into his own hands and managed it from 26 March 1684 by the same Com^rs as he appointed to manage the Excise, and so it had continued, and the Com^rs caused the officers to give security; they found that hitherto few accounts had been made up by the collectors, and the collectors were most of them returned as in arrear; that one Edmund Stack, clerk of the securities, being a Roman Catholic, took away all the bonds and securities, and many of the collectors, especially those who were Roman Catholics, ran away with great sums, together with the books of collection, so that no exact account could be made until a surcharge could be made after Lady Day 1689; further setting forth their difficulties in obtaining accounts, and giving their opinion that the grant the petitioner desired would be very considerable, though then very uncertain, and that the granting such commission as was desired would be a revocation of their commission, &c. Dated 3 Feb. 1689–90.

The petition referred to, a copy of this report, and Sir Scroop Howe's answer to the report of the Com^rs of Excise by way of exception.

The last is thus minuted:—"The Com^rs of Excise to see this, & afterwards S^r Scroop How to be heard, if he pleases, & the Com^rs to be here."

The following is entered in the *Minute Book*, p. 240, in relation to this:—

"Sir Scroop How, with M^r Ward his counsell, and the Com^rs of Excise, upon a peticon of S^r Scroop How, for a grant of such moneys as shal be found in arreare in the hands of collectors of y^e hearth-mony, from Lady Day 1685 to Lady Day 1689; it being objected by the Com^rs of Excise that it wilbe a large grant, unless the peticon meanes onely surcharges, the Lords desire S^r Scroop w^th advice of his counsell, to draw up what it is he intends should be granted to him, as plainly & strictly as may be."

9 *pages*.

Feb. 3. 32. Report of certain persons at the Excise Office, to whom the petition of John Keble, one of the sureties of John Bigsby, late one of the Receivers General of the hearth money, was referred; made to the Lords of the Treasury; recommending that proceedings should not be stayed against him, until he had satisfied the debt of one Booth. Dated 3 Feb. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

3 *pages*.

Feb. 4. 33. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Robert Clayton, farmer of their Majesty's revenue of post fines, which had been granted by King Charles II. for 48 years, at an annual rent of 2,276*l*. The report is

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in favour of allowing the petitioner the sums claimed, &c. Dated 4 Feb. 1689.

Minuted:—"Tis a very old arrear, but if it appear just, upon further examination, the L^ds^ will move His Ma^tie^ to allow it."

Also the Petition referred to.

3½ *pages.*

Feb. 4. 34. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that upon a letter of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Principal Secretary of State, they caused the ship "Hopewell," of London, laden with lead and copperas to be secured; she being supposed to be designed for France; enclosing the report of the tide surveyor thereon. Dated 4 Feb. 1689.

Two letters from Lord Shrewsbury, the report referred to, and another paper about the same.

Minuted:—"If the Com^rs^ of the Customs have no objection to it, the L^ds^ will lett the ship go on in her voyage."

5 *leaves.*

Feb. 5. 35. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Heritage Lenthall and other merchants, freighters of the ship "Bonadventure" (30 guns); stating that the ship sailed in 1686 from England, with about 40 men, all English, on a trading voyage to Russia and thence to the Straits; and being at Zant, when the commander heard of the war, 10 of his men being dead, and having little hopes of a convoy, he procured 26 foreign seamen to strengthen his vessel, for fear of the French, and not only ventured himself, but encouraged 10 sail more of English ships to come with him from Zant, to which he became admiral, and conducted them safe to Cadiz, where they met with a Dutch convoy and came safe home; advising that no advantage should be taken to render the goods liable to a greater duty. Dated 5 Feb. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition.

2½ *pages.*

Feb. 5. 36. Letter of Mr. William Blathwayt to Mr. Jephson, stating that he could not find more than 34,000*l.* or thereabouts had been paid to the Danish forces for their pay or subsistence; so that if the money ordered for them in Yorkshire sufficed to carry them to their Chester quarters, yet there would be wanting at their embarkation (which would not, as he foresaw, be till the end of the month) 25,000*l.* for their entire pay, of which 3,000*l.* must be remitted to Mr. Fielding in Scotland, where a battalion of foot had lately arrived. The Duke of Wirtemburg much pressed for it, and for an advance of one month, amounting to about 13,000*l.* more, for their support, on their arrival in the distant quarters appointed them in Ireland. If there were no likelihood of procuring these sums near Chester he desired their Lordships should be reminded to send it down in specie, since otherwise the want of money might occasion the stop of the shipping. The Duke of Wirtemburg in a memorial represented that 43 horses were wanting to be recruited, and for the

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foot 15; which, with the loss in Scotland, might amount to 50 horses for the horse, at 15*l.* a horse, 750*l.*; and for the foot 20 in all, which at 6*l.* a horse came to 120*l.*

The Duke of Wirtemburg had received letters from the officers that were then kept in a dungeon at Abbeville in France, giving an account of the sad condition they were in, and praying some relief by money, to be remitted to the Ambassador of Denmark, at Paris, to the value of about 200*l.* Further the writer had received a paper from Mr. van Homrigh, of which he enclosed a copy, for procuring the repayment of 307*l.* 1*s.* to Mons. van der Esch on which their Lordships' directions should be taken. Dated 5 Feb. 1689.

Minuted:—"Speak with Mr. Blathwaite."

On another page is "an abstract of the [above] letter," and accompanying is the copy referred to.

The following are entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. I., in relation to the pay of the Danes:—

(P. 215.) 6 Feb. 1689–90.

"Mr. Blathwaite proposes, that besides the 3,000li lately return'd to York, by Mr. Thompson, for the Danes, there be furnish'd to them 2,000li immediatly, & that if Coll. Fairfax does press for more, Mr Williamson doe furnish him with any further sume not exceeding 2,000li, & that this be donn at once without delay, tho' it cost 2 per cent., and for the 870li demanded for recruits of horses, if it cannot be spar'd out of the abovesaid 4,000li, upon Coll. Fairfaxe's draweing a bill on Mr Harbord for 870li, it shall be comply'd with. Besides this 4000li. there must be any sume not exceeding 5,000li pay'd or credit given to Mr. Israel Fielding at Carlisle, Berwick, or Edinburgh & 1,000li at Chester in 10 or 12 days."

(P. 219.) 12 Feb. 1689–90.

"The King orders that if money come in within 2 or 3 days that 13,000li more, besides the 13,000li order'd to-day shall be sent to Chester.

(P. 220.) "Mr Harbord to take care to send away the 13,000li order'd yesterday to Chester to-morrow morning without delay. The Comrs of the Excise to give order to their officer at Oxford, so soon as he hears of any of the Danish forces comeing into Oxford, that he do fynd out the officer commanding in chief & immediatly pay him 100li."

2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 5. 37. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the copy of an order of the late Lord Treasurer the Earl of Rochester, for certain rebates to the East India Company, for the payment of ready money for duties payable by them: praying for a renewal of the order. Dated 5 Feb. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the copy referred to.

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Feb. 7. 38. A representation by the Auditor of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, of the grievance sustained by the inferior officers of that office, from the payment of the tax of 12*d.* per pound; praying relief therefrom. Dated 7 Feb. 1689.
Minuted:—" Feb. 12th, '89–90. The L^ds do agree to allow it."
1 *page.*

Feb. 8. 39. Abstract of the account for clothing the late Sir Thomas Gower's regiment of foot.
Signed " by Rod. Mackenzie, agent, 8° die Feb. 1689-90.
1½ *pages.*

Jan. 29 and Feb. 8. 40. Two reports of the Surveyor-General and Attorney-General to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Richard Newdigate, Baronet; praying for the appointment of a day to hear his title made out to the manor of Astley, in the county of Warwick, for which he had desired a new patent: in favour of the petitioner. Dated 29 Jan. and 8 Feb. 1689.
Minuted:—" If S^r Rich^d desires a new graunt, he may have it in the words of the old one: if he would have a graunt of anything that his title is doubtfull to, he may be heard to it."
4¼ *pages.*

Feb. 10. 41. Letter of Ralph Williamson, to William Jephson, Esq., stating that he should pay Col. Thomas Fairfax 2,000*l.* and 2,000*l.* more, as soon as he had occasion for it, for the Danish forces, in their march for Chester. He had borrowed the money until the other moiety of the 12*d.* per pound was received. Dated York, 10 Feb. 1689.
½ *page.*

Feb. 12. 42. Letter of Ralph Williamson, to William Jephson, Esq., stating that he had paid to Col. Fairfax and Mr. Fotherby, or their order, at Doncaster 778*l.*, and at Skipton 300*l.*, and had already paid all they demanded at York, viz., nearly 2,000*l.* They would want no more until the Major-Genl., and the guards there, marched, except 1,000*l.* at Leeds, which he was then providing. He should pay the remainder of the 4,000*l.* upon demand; he had been at charge to pay the money, which was best for the march of the army, that they should not have the least excuse for want of money, but found they liked Yorkshire so well that they made no great haste out of it, though the Commissary was very diligent to hasten their march. He hoped by the 10th of next month to receive all the money of the last moiety of the 12*d.* per pound for the counties of York, Durham, and Northumberland, &c. He had moved the Com^rs of Customs for leave to withdraw his deputy, Robert Jackson, from Sunderland, to assist him in the receipt of the 12*d.* per pound, and to appoint William Hymarsh in his place, &c. Dated York, 12 Feb. 1689.
Also a memorandum that 1,500*l.* or not less than 1,000*l.* was to be paid at Newcastle to Col. Donep, or the officer in chief of

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this regiment, if it could be procured at once, that they might not stop their march; and they were to be told that was all that could be got on this side Scotland.

Four minutes on the dorse, the last of which is:—

"He may accommodate the Dutch there; drawing bills on L^d^ Ranelagh." 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 12. 43. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of the Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the officers engaged in connexion with the customs in the island of Jersey; proposing that William Hely should have 10*l.* added to his salary, that Joshua Guille should be established at his present allowance, and that Clement Machon might be established as assistant to the other rider, at 30*l. per ann.* Dated 12 Feb. 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

2 *pages.*

[About 13 Feb.] 44. Petition of Solomon Foubert, Esq., to the King and the Lords of the Privy Council, stating that he had been turned out of his Academy at Paris on account of his religion, and came hither, being pressed by the nobility and gentry, and upon positive assurance from King Charles the Second that an academy should be erected at the public charge, and an establishment made for keeping it up; that in May 1679 he gave to the Board his proposals for an academy, which were approved, and until a fund was provided he was sworn one of His Majesty's equerries; but through the distraction of the times the establishment never took effect, nor did he receive his salary as equerry, but for ten years he had kept an academy without assistance from the public, and had consumed his small estate; praying His Majesty to order something to be done for him. Without date, but received 13 Feb. 1689.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury.

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Feb. 15. 45. Petition of Champion Ashby to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to give orders to the Com^rs^ of Excise to forbear demanding the money due on certain bills of exchange until he should receive the debt (2,200*l.*) due from their Majesties, for the supply of butter and cheese for the fleet. Sworn on 15 Feb. 1689–90.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs^ of Excise not to be too hasty to press these bills till my L^ds^ speak with them."

1 *page.*

Feb. 17. 46. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of Helston, in Cornwall, for the re-establishment of a collection within the harbour of Helford; stating that from time immemorial a custom-house had been established there for the town of Helston which was "one of the antientest corporations in that county, & the originall coynage towne for the stannary of Penwith and Kerrier;" that the town of Falmouth where they were then constrained to enter their goods, was 10 miles distant from the town of Helston,

" and so obliquely scituated that noe one wind will serve for sailing from one port to the other," recommending " that there should be a limited collection established at Gweek, in the harbour of Helford, for the entry and exportation of their native comodityes of tynn & fish; and that they have power to give coast despatches for all goods both inwards and outwards; to this end, that the present riding surveyor have the character of collector," &c. Dated 17 Feb. 1689.

Minuted:—" Agreed to."

5 *leaves.*

Feb. 17. 47. Summary state of the account of the Com^rs^ of Farthings, showing what had been paid to Mr. Boscawen, &c., and the amount of tin done up in bags and chests, and ready to be delivered to Mr. Harboard's order for exportation, &c. Dated 17 Feb. 1689.

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Feb. 17. 48. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the masters of three ships which were laden with tobacco in Virginia, for the port of London, where they signed bills of exchange for payment of the duty; but as one of the vessels was lost on Margate Sands, and the other two were taken by French privateers, they prayed they might be discharged from payment of their bills; informing them that theduty referred to, of 2*s.* a hogshead on tobacco in Virginia, was not under their management, but was employed for the support of that government. Dated 17 Feb. 1689–90.

Minuted:—" Refus'd."

2 *pages.*

Feb. 17, 19, and 20. 49. Three letters signed by the Lords of the Committee for Irish affairs, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury,—

(1.) Stating that there was an absolute necessity that the Danes then in Yorkshire should march presently towards Chester, which they could not do unless provided with 3,000*l.* by Saturday next, desiring their Lordships to furnish Mr. Harbord, paymaster-general of the forces designed for Ireland, with that sum to be sent to them with all possible haste, that so the troops might be forthwith shipped for Ireland, where they were wanted; also with 200*l.* to despatch such officers for Ireland as were directed to make recruits there; with a P. S. that if it were not complied with, it would cost the King 1,500*l.* more. Dated 17 Feb. 1689.

Minuted:—" M^r^ Blathwaite informed the Board that M^r^ Harbord paying the bill of 2,000*l.* drawn by M^r^ Fotherby from York would be sufficient to enable them to march with what is already order'd them there."

(2.) Desiring their Lordships to furnish Mr. Harbord with 2,000*l.* to pay bills drawn by Mr. Fotherby, paymaster of the Danes in Yorkshire, that they might march immediately towards Chester. Dated 19 Feb. 1689.

(3.) Reminding their Lordships to supply the Danish foot, to be forthwith despatched into Ireland with the second payment,

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intended to be sent to Chester, the Duke of Wirtemburg being already gone post thither, in expectation of the sum promised him, the want of which might prove of dangerous consequence, "since they rely upon it." Dated 20 Feb. 1689.

Minuted:—"Mr Blathwaite says this second paymt is meant to be 13,000*l.*, of which 3,000li is already sent by bills, so remains 10,000li."

3 *pages.*

Feb. 22. 50. Letter of Ralph Williamson to William Jephson, Esq., returning thanks for his having moved their Lordships for leave to withdraw Ro. Jackson, his deputy at Sunderland for this year, and that he might have their Lordships' consent, and that of the Comrs of Customs, to depute William Hymarsh in that place. The next post he expected their Lordships' directions how to dispose of the money which he was then receiving, of the last moiety of 12*d.* per pound. He believed he might have at York, (besides what he had to pay for money taken up there,) 5,000*l.* and 1,500*l.* at Durham, 2,000*l.* at Newcastle, and at Berwick 150*l.*, which he could pay by the 10th of March, and the greater part sooner if commanded. He had already paid the 4,000*l.* and 667*l.* to Col. Fairfax and Mr. Fotherby for the use of the Danish forces, and had drawn bills upon the Right Hon. Will. Harbord, for 4,667*l.* The 667*l.* was to buy horses for the Danes, with which he found it necessary to furnish Col. Fairfax and Mr. Fotherby, though without order they could not take it up. He intended to take care of the receipt for Durham and Newcastle on Wednesday next, &c. Dated York, 22 Feb. 1689.

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Feb. 22. 51. Presentment by the Principal Comrs for prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, touching the remission of duty on certain Surinam-Muscovado sugars, condemned at Poole for prize. Dated 22 Feb. 1689–90.

Minuted:—"Refused. The extraordinary duty must be pay'd."

1 *page.*

Feb. 25. 52. Letter of Anthony Isaacson to William Jephson, Esq., stating that the regiment of Danish horse, quartered at Newcastle, had received their "root," [rout] to march forthwith for Scotland, but no order upon any one to supply them with money, either to discharge their quarters, or for their march, which made both officers and soldiers vent their discontents in rude and (some of them) violent ways. In order that the expedition of these forces might not be obstructed, he hazarded paying to this regiment 600*l.*, and requested he might have their Lordships' directions how to be reimbursed. Had he not done this he feared there would have been several outrages. Dated 25 Feb. 1689–90.

Minuted:—"Approve of what he has donn & order him to draw on Mr. Harbord for the money pay'd."

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Feb. 25. 53. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Alexander Alton, executor of the will of Willm. Lyne, late searcher in the port of Southampton; not objecting to the payment of the arrears of his salary for four years and three quarters. Dated 25 Feb. 1689.
Accompanied by the petition, and two other enclosures.
Minuted:—"Order'd."
4 *pages, or parts of pages.*

Feb. 26. 54. Report of Lord Ranelagh, on the petition of Thomas Potter, as to his clothing Col. Cornwall's regiment, &c. Dated 26 Feb. 1689.
[The petition not now annexed.]
1½ *pages.*

Feb. 28. 55. Letter of Mr. Anthony Isaacson to Mr. Jephson, stating that he had supplied the commander-in-chief of the Danes with 600*l.*, with which they intended to march without paying any quarters at Newcastle or elsewhere; but an express coming the same day to Mr. Williamson's deputy, he immediately paid them 900*l.* to complete the 1,500*l.* ordered by their Lordships, and so they had cleared their quarters, &c. Dated 28 Feb. 1689–90.
1 *page.*

March 1. 56. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Atkins, Knt.; stating that they had re-considered the petitioner's case and their report, wherein they had fully expressed their opinion in relation to the abolition of the office of customer of the great and petty customs. Dated 1 Mar. 1689.
Accompanied by the petition and the copy of the report.
Minuted:—"March 6th, 1689–90. To be heard on Tuesday next, afternoone."
3 *pages.*

March 1. 57. Letter of Ralph Williamson to William Jephson, Esq., stating, that in pursuance of their Lordships' commands, he should send to Berwick near 3,000*l.* in two or three days, being all the money he had, or could get credit for, at Newcastle, by two of his clerks under a convoy of the Danes, who were about to march for Berwick, and so for Scotland. He had paid 900*l.* to Col. Shewstad for the use of his regiment in their march for Scotland; and Mr. Isaacson paid 600*l.*, completing the sum of 1,500*l.* which the writer had orders to pay to Col. Doneb; but as he and his regiment had marched before for Scotland, he paid it, by advice of Col. Fairfax, to Col. Shewstad, of which he had advised Mr. Fielding; and that he should pay him on Thursday next 3,000*l.* He had acquainted Mr. Fielding that he could pay 2,000*l.* more at York, and the remainder where their Lordships would direct, when his collection of the 12*d.* per pound was over, after the Dutch were paid what they had occasion for. He intended to be at York on Tuesday. Major Christian desired to know their Lordships' pleasure, if he was

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to be continued solicitor for the Acts of 2*s.* and 12*d.* per pound, and review of the Poll Act, and if so, he desired his commission. Dated 1 March 1689.

On the dorse:—"Speak with Mr. Blathwaite."

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Mar. 4. 58. Letter of Mr. John Sansom to Wm. Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, sending copy of the last letter the Com^rs^ of Customs had received from the collector at Shoreham, touching the privateer then equipping in that port, to have it laid before their Lordships; and acquainting them that they had sent an officer on purpose to look into the preparations of that vessel, and to make observation of the disposition and inclination of the persons that go upon her, and the design of the voyage. Dated 4 March 1689.

Accompanied by the copy of the letter, giving an account of about 80 men in the town or on board, and their pursuits; and stating that the writer had been often in their company, and could not perceive that they were any way disaffected to the Government. They often drink their Majesties' health. The ship was in great forwardness to sail.

2 *pages.*

March 4. 59. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Freeman Howse, controller of the port of Chichester, praying to be confirmed in his office, which was granted him by King Charles the Second; not objecting thereto. Dated 4 March 1689.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"July 29, 1691. Granted."

1½ *pages.*

March 4. 60. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the Order of Council made on the petition of John Rawlinson, of London, merchant, touching a more strict examination as to the sorts of goods on board the "Swan" (pink), when captured and carried into France; and as to whether the lading then on board were the same as on her capture; stating that the assurance was the best in their opinion that could be given, under the circumstances. Dated 4 March 1689.

Minuted:—"Graunted. The Com^rs^ takeing security that nothing be imported but the cargo from the West Indies."

Accompanied by the Order in Council, the former report, the petition, and three other documents relating thereto.

8 *pages.*

March 5. 61. Letter from Ralph Williamson to William Jephson, Esq., informing him that he had advised him from Newcastle, that the 1,500*l.* which the Lords directed to be paid to Col. Doneb, was paid to Col. "Seustadt"; viz., 900^li^ by himself and 600*l.* by Mr. Isaacson, otherwise the Colonel could not have marched his regiment

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(then in Scotland) from Newcastle; he found the Lords of the Treasury had directed him to pay to Israel Fielding, Esq., 5,000li at Berwick and Carlisle, and that they would allow one per cent.; he had advanced 3,000*l.* and sent it to Berwick by two of his head collectors of Durham and Northumberland, under a convoy of the last of the Danish forces, on their march for Scotland; the 3,000*l.* would be at Berwick that night, ready to be paid to Mr. Fielding, who was advised of it, and that he would send him 2,000*l.* to Carlisle, to make up the 5,000*l.*; conceiving it better for him to have the 2,000*l.* at Carlisle than at Berwick, being nearer the west of Scotland, where the troops must embark for Ireland; he hoped the Lords would allow him one per cent. for the advance of the money, and likewise for the carriage and convoy to Berwick and Carlisle, being near 100 miles, &c. The agents had written some time since, to know whether he desired to be Receiver-General for the additional poll and "review" within his present receipt; he answered them, that the receipt would be but small, and the country large, that he could not get head collectors to receive the money and bring it to him to the country towns, for the allowance by the Act, &c. It would not be possible to collect and return the money for 2*d.* in the pound. Dated 5 March 1689–90.

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March 9. 62. Letter of Israel Fielding to William Jephson, Esq., stating that Mr. Williamson, the receiver of Yorkshire and Northumberland, had given him notice he would send 3,000*l.* to Berwick, by which his credit revived at Edinburgh. It contains also various other statements of moneys provided or to be provided for the King's service; that he could not well judge what his charge would be before the Danish troops were embarked, but thought beyond the 5,000*l.* If he had more than was needful it would be employed at Derry to the same end; on the morrow he should go back for Scotland and would use all means "that their march be not retarded." Dated Berwick, March 9, 1689–90.

Accompanied by a memorandum of moneys paid by Mr. Williamson on account of the Danes. Also another memorandum.

2 *pages and* 3 *small pieces of pages.*

March 11. 63. Report of Thomas Neale, Master of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, representing to them that Mr. Bowers, engraver to the Mint, was dead, and that it was needful the place should be supplied. If the King and their Lordships thought fit the Roettiers (who knew best how to do it) should be employed: they might be employed by the master worker himself without making any new officer in the place. Dated March 11, 1689.

[The Roettiers were engravers employed for many years in the Mint. See another paper dated 2 July 1689.]

Copy of certain clauses from the indenture of the Mint, which seemed to countenance the appointment.

2½ *pages.*

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March 11. 64. Petition of Nicholas Treweeke to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had exhibited articles with his petition against the officers of their Majesties' customs at Newcastle, begging their Lordships to accept his affidavit and dismiss him from further attendance, or supply him with the necessary charges, as he was 200 miles from home. Dated 11 March 1689.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs will send to the port and examine the complaint."

½ *page.*

March 13. 65. An Order of Council, enclosing a precedent of 4 May 1678, exempting from assessment the officers of dockyards, referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury for their determination as to whether or not the present officers should have the same favour granted to them. Dated 13 March 1689.

Accompanied by the paper referred to.

2 *pages.*

March 14. 66. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the case of Mr. Henry Davis, who by the troubles in Ireland was forced to leave that kingdom, and imported in the port of Chester six barrels of meal from Belfast, on which he was charged but 3*s.* a barrel; but subsequently the collector was surcharged with 7*l.* 16*s.*, which sum, the petitioner prayed, might be discharged from the surcharge: desiring their Lordships' directions. Dated 14 March 1689–90.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

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March 14. 67. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the petition of Holland Goddart, a distressed Irish Protestant, who had brought certain shop goods to Bristol; recommending the case for relief, by passing the goods custom free. Dated 14 March 1689.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

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March 14 and 15. 68. Letter signed Ralph Williamson to William Jephson, Esq., stating that he had received his [letter] of the 8th inst., and had paid Mr. Israel Fielding at Berwick 3,400*l.* By a letter from him he found the officers of excise had appointed him to pay 2,000*l.* at Carlisle; he had advised Mr. Fielding not to expect any money from him at Carlisle; but if there were any occasion at Newcastle about the 29th inst. he could pay him 3,000*l.*, most of the money on the 12*d.* per pound would then have come in, but the greater part of the money he sent to Berwick he was necessitated to advance, as he did the 4,667*l.* to the Danish forces before they marched from this country, and most of it cost one per cent., which he hoped their Lordships would allow; he had sent bills upon Lord

Ranelagh, the Hon. William Harbord, and others, to the value of 12,442*l.*, most of the money being paid to the Danes or Dutch, &c. Dated York, 14 March 1689.

With this postscript:

"Hull, the 15 March 1689. I am now at this place where John Ramsden, Esq., and Charles Osborne, Esq., the Marquess of Carmarthen's brother, are chosen burgesses."

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March 19 and 22. 69. Petition of Henry Harris to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the office of chief graver of the stamps and irons and of the King's Mint formerly belonged to the chief graver of the King's seals, and was performed by himself or able men who assisted him; that he had been educated in the art, and was then chief graver of their Majesties' seals; praying to be appointed in place of George Bowers, then lately deceased.

Minuted:—"Mr. Harris to have the place and employ the Rotiers under him."

Letter from the same to William Jephson, Esq., stating that according to their Lordships' directions he had discoursed with the two Mr. Rotiers at the Tower about their assistance in graving irons and dies, who were inclinable to it; they desired the whole salary between the two (325*l. per ann.*); their father had besides, by patent, for life 450*l.* a year as graver of medals and "agats," and it was then feared he would not be able to work any more by reason of a lameness in his right hand. Dated March 19, [16]89-90.

Also an agreement made the 22nd March 1689, between Henry Harris, gent., and James and Norbertus Roteires.

Minuted:—"Agreed to by the Board and Mr. Harris' Warrant order'd."

3 *pages.*

March 20. 70. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that it had been thought fit, in consideration of the mixture of syrups and other materials used in making tobacco into roll, to deduct 10 per cent. upon exportation, over and above the usual allowance of tare for the package, which was further reduced to 5 per cent. The merchants of London and Bristol complained that the manufacture of spinning and rolling tobacco (which employed many hundreds of poor people, men, women, and children,) was in great danger of being lost, and driven into other countries, and also that foreign manufacture stopped the consumption of Virginia tobacco. The Com^rs^ upon the considerations in their former memorial, had distinguished roll tobacco into two sorts, viz., a brighter and a darker sort, and suggested that 5 per cent. should only be deducted from the darker sort, and that the brighter sort should be free, which was agreed to by their Lordships, but that not proving sufficient to keep up the manufacture of that commodity, they now advised that rolled tobacco should be exported without any

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other deduction than the tare for the package. Dated 20 March 1689–90.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

1½ *pages.*

[About March 20.] 71. Petition of Thomas Potter, who had clothed the regiment of foot under command of Col. Henry Cornwall from 1685 to 1688, stating that there remained 875*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* due to him; praying that the paymaster might have orders to pay him.

Minuted:—"Rec^{d} y^{e} 20th March 1689–90 from Mr. Bissell; speak wth my L^{d} Ranelagh & Capt. Henry Villers: Pet^{n}, & L^{d} Ran.: Rep^{t}. thereon to be consider'd at the same time."

1 *page* (*much torn*).

March 22. 72. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Excise and Hearth Money to the Lords of the Treasury as to the impressment of workmen and servants of brewers and distillers into their Majesties' service for seamen; praying their directions for redressing the same. Dated 22 March 1689.

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March 24. 73. Report of the "Commissioners of the Farthings" to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had represented that they had coined out of the tin, which they were directed to buy, as many farthings and half-pence as amounted to 1,968*l.* 2*s.* 7¾*d.*; and having since received part of the tin bought by Mr. Boscawen in Cornwall, they had made up the sum to 2,500*l.*, which was put up in bags and chests ready to be delivered for the service of Ireland. There remained due upon the order of imprest 2,057*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* A quantity of farthings, called the Prince of Wales' farthings, apparently lately coined, were dispersed about the town. Dated 24 March 1689.

Minuted:—"The 2,500*l.* in farthings Mr. Harbord is to buy of them. For the latter part an extract to be made for the Councill."

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March 24. 74. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury in favour of exempting the officers of customs whose salaries were under 60*l.* per annum from the payment of the taxes, and of reimbursing them the money already paid by virtue of the Poll Act, and other taxes on their salaries. Dated 24 March 1689–90.

Minuted:—"Graunted, but care must be taken that more be not allowed than has been really payd by the officers."

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March 27. 75. Copy of a letter from Mr. John Sansom to Mr. Jephson concerning inquiries made at the port of Chester about a yacht, of which Capt. Bridges was formerly owner, to which inquiries the replies had been received, and were sent to be laid before their Lordships. Dated 27 March 1690.

¾ *page.*

March 28. 76. Representation of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a warrant to exempt their inferior officers

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from payment of the 3*s.* in the pound tax, as they were formerly allowed on the 12*d.* tax. Dated 28 March 1690.

Minuted:—"Graunted, 28th March 1690."

1 *page.*

March 29. 77. Letter from the chief persons at the Ordnance Office addressed to Wm. Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that there was convenient stowage on board the "Bourdeaux Merchant" for 15 tons of farthings, to be shipped to Ireland. Dated 29 March 1690.

1 *page.*

[? About March 31.] 78. Report of Sir Christopher Wren, Surveyor General of His Majesty's works, on the petitions and propositions of Mr. William Killigrew for building in Scotland Yard, stating that though the houses there were then unusually empty, yet that they had often been too little for service, particularly when the late building was erected next the Privy Garden, not only Scotland Yard but the Pebble Court was filled with timber. The yard was for stores, not only of Whitehall but St. James', Westminster and the Tower, and for all sudden occasions, and for the stone that mends 30,000 yards of public pavings: advising that the proposition would be to the damage of their Majesties 1,000*l. per ann.*

Also, five petitions and two plans, one "of Scotland Yard as it now lies," and the other "of Scotland Yard as it would be if built." Without date.

The last petition states,—"That Sr Cristopher Wrenn, in contempt off His Maty and ye severall orders of this Honble Bord, does not returne neather ye report nor papers and drafts of Scotland Yard, to ye damage and ruine of your petr, wch disobedience is no smale contempt of this Honble Bord, who are now bound in honner as well as your petr by interest not to suffer such insolence, your petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Lordps will order Sr Cristopher Wrenn to attend this Honble Bord on Wednesday next, and there to give your Lordps his reasons before His Majty why hee thus dispises your Lordps' orders."

Referred 31 March 1690.

Minuted:—"My Lds agree with Sir Christopher Wren's report."

6 *pages, and the plans on two larger ones.*

[About March.] 79. Petition of James and "Nolbertus" Rotiers, engravers addressed to the Lords of their Majesties' Treasury, stating that they had been engravers to the Mint for the two last reigns, and made for their Majesties the coronation medals, and puncheons for the guineas and half-crowns, and supplied dies to the Mint to coin with until the place was given to Mr. George Bowers, who was then dead; praying their Lordships to intercede with the King that they might be appointed to the office, or that some persons might hold it in trust for them. Undated.

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April 2. 1. Report signed by B. Fillingham and three others to the Lords of the Treasury upon the petition of Augustine Briggs, Esq., Receiver General of the first six months' aid for Norfolk and the city of Norwich; recommending that he be allowed 30*l.* for his good services. Dated 2 April 1690.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

3 *pages.*

April 3. 2. Letter of the chief officers of the Ordnance to William Jephson, Esq., stating that notwithstanding Mr. Herriott's information to their Lordships to the contrary, there was stowage for 15 tons of farthings on board the "Bordeaux Merchant." Dated 3 April 1690.

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April 10. 3. An Order in Council on the petition of Roger Moore, Esq., who was possessed of the grant made to Col. Legg, then Lord Dartmouth, and Sir Tho. Armstrong, viz., to make and utter copper half-pence in Ireland for 21 years from the 32nd of Car. II. The grant was renewed by His late Majesty. The petition prayed His Majesty to direct what effigies should be stamped on the half-pence, or to grant new letters for the unexpired term. The order refers the matter to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 10 April 1690.

Also two petitions of the said Roger Moore and a copy of a petition with memoranda relating thereto.

Minuted at the back of the petition:—"18 Feb. 1689–90. M^r^ Atturney & M^r^ Sollicit^r^ are of opinion His Ma^tie^ may send over the tynn farthings & halfe pence into Ireland notwithstanding the pretense of this graunt."

The Order in Council has three Minutes indorsed, the last of which is:—"The Lords think it proper the execution of the patent be suspended till Ireland is reduced; because in the meantime new farthings may create an inconvenience to the sold^rs^, & be of little advantage to ye patentee."

4 *pages.*

April 10. 4. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Renatus Palmer, who prayed to be appointed surveyor in the port of Dartmouth, void by the death of William Knoyle; leaving it to the option of their Lordships which they would appoint; viz., the petitioner or Mr. How, late landwaiter at Dartmouth, both being duly qualified. Dated 10 April 1690.

Minuted:—"Graunted to Palmer."

Accompanied by the petition and a certificate.

2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 11. 5. Order made by the Committee for Trade and Plantations, 17 April 1690, for the transmission of a copy of a petition of Dr. Payne; setting forth that his brother, John Payne, His Majesty's collector in Maryland, had been murdered in the execution of his office. Sent for information of the Lords of the Treasury that the might appoint another collector.

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Copy of the petition, the prayer of which is that justice might be done on the traitors and murderers.

2 *pages.*

April 14. 6. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Ellesdon, praying their Lordships' warrant for the riding surveyor's place in the county of Dorset, instead of Mr. George Pley, lately deceased; recommending that office to be sunk, as there was very little employment for the officers of customs at Poole, Lyme, Weymouth, and other ports on that coast, since the Act prohibiting trade with France; and stating that the best service then to be done there, was to prevent the running of prohibited goods, for which they were about to issue instructions. Dated 14 April 1690.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs are to take care of M^r Ellesden & to provide for him as soon as anything happens, that he is qualified for."

1½ *pages.*

April 17. 7. Letter of Mr. Israel Fielding to Mr. Jephson informing him, that after sending the last of the Danish horse out of Scotland, he made the best of his way to Carlisle, knowing Mr. Williamson the receiver of Yorkshire and Mr. Huddleston of the Excise, waited there with 2,000*l.*, each, for the contrary winds had kept the Danes 12 days; since the receipt of the money he was that day going back to Edinburgh to discharge his debts, and should return in six days. He had sent a particular of the pay given to the Danes in Scotland; the account of the contingent charge should be sent as soon as he returned; what would be further chargeable on them would not exceed if it came to 800 or 1,000*l.* He had hinted that he thought they could not well be accompted with till he went to them in Ireland, which would gain a little time if money were hard to come at. He supposed he should have the last 2,000*l.*, to be employed as the King's service should require, though the Lords of the Committee had designed to send him down 3,000 horse, to embark from Kircudbright. The contingent charge would appear to have been influenced by Scotch consciences; but if none were joined to him hereafter, the money would be managed with more frugality. Dated Carlisle, 17 April 1690.

Accompanied by a particular of the pay given to the Danes in Scotland.

7 *pages and* 6 *half pages.*

April 19. 8. Report of Sir Geo. Treby [Attorney General], stating that it was reasonable the petition should be granted according to the following report. Dated 19 April 1690. Also,

Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Arthur Shallott and Gilbert Heathcott, respecting certain Spanish brandy, which for want of convoy could not be imported by the time allowed in the Act; advising that the petitioner should be permitted as desired to discharge in the Downs, or some-

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where in the mouth of the river, not above the Hope, the wine and fruit and other the unprohibited goods, of the ship's lading; and that the brandy might remain on board until the petitioner should obtain longer time in Parliament, or in defect thereof be at liberty to proceed to some foreign market. Dated 12 April 1690.

Minuted :—"21 April '90. Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition. 4 *pages.*

April 21. 9. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that their officers at the outports had been beaten, abused, and pressed in the discharge of their duty. Dated 21 April 1690.

Minuted :—"Write to M^r^ Southerne to desire to lay this before the L^ds^ of the Admiralty, that they may take care that the officers of the customs may be secured from the press." ½ *page.*

April 22. 10. Certificate of Morgan Whitley, deputed to survey the works necessary within the castle of Chester, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had surveyed the same, and that a great part of the "Prothonator's" office was fallen down, and the rest upon props, insomuch that persons dare not come in to follow their business, and the Exchequer office was much out of order. Dated 22 April. 2 Will. and Mar.

Accompanied by an estimate taken April 9, 1690; also a certificate by James Lightbourn, Vice-Chamberlain, that at the time of his sitting in the Exchequer Court at Chester part of the roof fell down, but providentially killed no one. Dated 12 Dec. 1689.

Another certificate of the Vice-Chamberlain and others, stating that the buildings presented at the last assizes by the grand jury of Chester were very ruinous, and like to fall, &c., and the records of the county were spoiling, by reason of the water falling upon them in rainy weather. Dated 30 Nov. 1689. The presentment referred to is also with it. 4¼ *pages.*

April 24. 11. "Order of Council, 24th April 1690, about foreign vessels taking in considerable quantitys of lead at Newcastle;" suspected of being intended for a French market. ½ *page.*

April 25. 12. Order to the Receiver-General for Prizes, to pay various salaries and incidents (a copy). Dated 25 April 1690. 1 *page.*

April 25 and 28. 13. Order of the Committee for the Affairs of Ireland, for forwarding the annexed extract of a letter from Mr. Cuff, deputy to the Commissary General of Provisions, for their Lordships' directions. Dated 25 April 1690.

The said extract, in which he hoped Mr. Harbord would comply with the bill of 250*l.* without much more delay. If there were not a supply in hand at Chester, or in Mr. Moor's hands in London, it would be impossible to carry on their Majesties' service, &c.

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Also a letter from Mr. Rich. Colinge to Will. Jephson, Esq. stating that the Lords of the Committee for the Affairs of Ireland thought it absolutely necessary that Mr. Cuff and Mr. Vickers should be forthwith supplied with 500*l.* Dated 28 April 1690. 3 *half pages.*

April 29. 14. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Algood and John Franks, the two Deputy Commissaries of the Musters reduced from the establishment, recommending that they should receive their former allowance; having been employed to attend the Danish forces, &c. Dated 29 April 1690.

Also the said petition. 2 *pages.*

April 29. 15. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the claim of priority of seizure of the ship, "St. Antonio," set up by Charles Robertson against Lancelot Whitehall, stating that from what they had then heard, Charles Robertson was the first seizer. Dated 29 April 1690.

Minuted:—"It must be left to the law to determine." 1 *page.*

April 29. 16. Letter of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords [of the Treasury], presenting a paper containing an account of the amount of the revenue of excise, on beer and ale for six months, from 24 June to 24 Dec. last, compared with six months in the previous year; and further stating that the representations that had been made to their Lordships of their defects, or mismanagement, were not only groundless but they had improved the excise beyond their predecessors. Dated 29 April 1690.

Also the paper referred to. 3 *pages.*

May 2. 17. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the master, wardens, and assistants of the Society of Merchants Adventurers, within the city of Bristol, for the enlargement of their public key [quay]; concurring with the petitioners, and moving their Lordships to give order to the King's Remembrancer to issue a commission out of the Exchequer, for the setting out the public keys of the said port. Dated 2 May 1690.

The petition with 12 signatures; together with five reasons for the alterations proposed.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs^ of the Customs are to send the draughts of such a commission as usuall." 3 *pages.*

May 3. 18. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting a Genoese ship lately seized in the port of London, upon the Act of Navigation; concerning which a writ of appraisement was issued from the Court of Exchequer, and the execution pressed by Whitehall, the pretended seizer, in order to condemnation; laying the same before their Lordships for their information. Dated 3 May 1690. 1 *page.*

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May 9. 19. Copy of a letter of the Mayor and others of Dover to the Earl of Shrewsbury, sending several depositions relating to Col. Butler and others, who had been for some time lurking about that county in order to their transportation to France and were seized and brought before the Mayor and committed to gaol until they knew his Lordship's pleasure about them; they found Capt. William Berkenhead, surveyor of customs, and two others were assisting the said fugitives, and committed them to prison; and they hoped his Lordship would gratify the deputy and inhabitants of Ringwould for seizing them, &c. Dated Dover, 9 May 1690.

Minuted:—"To be sent to Com^rs of the Customs, to be examined into; & Birkenhead in the mean tyme, to be suspended." 1 *page.*

May 10. 20. Letter, signed Henry de Marais, to Wm. Jephson, Esq., begging his favour for 40*l.*, concerning which the King had given Lord Nottingham directions. Dated 10 May 1690. ½ *page* (*much decayed at the top*).

May 10. 21. Report made by William Blathwayt, Esq., Secretary at War, as to the allowance to be made to the auditors of the imprest for auditing the accounts, stating that 30*s.* was allowed for each troop and company in King Charles the Second's time, and 20*s.* in the reign of King James, and that the allowance craved by Mr. Auditor Done, for passing the accounts of the Right Hon. Mr. Harbord, for the army of Ireland, was not more than had been already allowed, &c. Dated 10 May 1690.

Minuted:—"Graunted May 13, 1690." 3 *pages.*

May 12. 22. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of Sir Scroope Howe, concerning which, they state, that they conceived he sought for the surcharges and arrears then due by collectors of the hearth money, whose books had been delivered into the office nine months before, and had not paid or cleared their accounts for their surcharges. Transmitting four accounts of Charles Dering, Esq., controller of the hearth money. Further stating that they could not certify to their Lordships the true value of what Sir Scroope desired, as Mr. Dering utterly refused to allow them to examine his accounts without their Lordships' particular orders. Dated 12 May 1690.

Minuted:—"S^r Scroop How may have a copy of this report." 7 *pages.*

May 13. 23. Presentment from the Com^rs for Farthings to the Lords of the Treasury, apprising them that they intended to issue the 500*l.* coined in farthings and halfpence, without troubling their Lordships to advance any at present, upon the order of imprest. Dated 13 May 1690.

Minuted:—"My L^ds agree to this presentment." ½ *page.*

May 13. 24. Letter of Ranguillo, the Spanish ambassador, to M. le Chevalier Jean Lawther, stating that the Countess of Staremberg was about to depart for Holland; and wishing an officer of the custom house

to come and register her baggage. Dated 13 May 1690. [*French.*] 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 13. 25. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the matter contained in a letter of Mr. William Carter, finding that for many years he had applied himself with great zeal and industry to prevent the exportation of wool, and to bring to condign punishment the offenders, and in 14 months in the years 1685 and 1686, had caused about 20 French shallops to be seized and condemned, 10 English vessels with 300 packs of wool, &c. He then had very many offenders under prosecution ; advising that it was necessary that 200*l.* at least should be ordered him for prosecuting the matters referred to in the report. Dated 13 May 1690.

The letter referred to.

Minuted:—" M^r^ Carter to have 200^li^ at the custom house, out of incidents." 3 *pages.*

May 14. 26. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, moving their Lordships that the Receiver-General might be directed to advance the money payable by the officers of customs, for the tax of 2*s.* and 1*s.*, and that he " defalke " the same by four quarterly payments out of the salaries of the officers, &c. Dated 14 May 1690.

Minuted:—" Agreed to ; " *again,* " Respited." 1½ *pages.*

May 19. 27. A note, signed H. Powle, to Mr. Robert Squibbe, at the Treasury office, desiring him to pay to his servant, George Crips, 315*l.* due for arrears, " when the said Powle was speaker." Dated " Rolles," 19 May 1690. 3 *small parts of pages.*

May 20. 28. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the copy of a warrant from the Lord Treasurer, the Earl of Rochester, to them, to grant extraordinary commissions from time to time for the seizure of uncustomed and prohibited goods ; praying for renewal of the authority. Dated 20 May 1690.

Minuted:—" Order'd."

Also the copy. 2 *pages.*

May 20. 29. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that, with a view to make the Patent officers more useful in the management of the revenue, it had been thought fit in divers ports to put the collection of customs into the hand of the customers to collect for their patent salary only ; with some allowance for clerks, and in others an allowance to be made to their deputies, and among the rest, the collection of the port of Hull was committed to John Holland, with an allowance of 30*l. per ann.* from each of the customers, and 60*l. per ann.* from the King, which allowance the customers had refused to make, although the Com^rs^ had reduced the amount to 20*l. per ann.* Mr. Holland

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informed the Com^rs^ that Mr. Appleyard, one of the customers, refused to pay the arrears, and that Mr. John Tempest, the other customer, was a prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, for debt; praying their Lordships' order to the said officers for payment of the arrears, and in case of refusal to lay their hands on their salaries. Dated 20 May 1690.

Minuted:—"My L^ds^ do agree to this: M^r^ Appleyard is a member of Parliam^t^. Q^y^ whether the Lords will not be pleased to hear M^r^ Appleyard before they sign the warrant. There is a dispute between Coll. Allured and Mr. Tempest for the other place, and the Lords have not signed the warrant for y^e^ sallary. Speak with the Com^rs^ of the Customs. Agreed to." 3 *pages.*

May 20. 30. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Henry Seagar, Controller of Customs in the port of Hull, not objecting to the compliance with the prayer of the petitioner, viz., that Hugh Mason should be appointed his deputy. Dated 20 May 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition. 2 *half pages.*

May 21. 31. Letter of William Blathwayt, to Mr. Jephson, stating that he had just received a letter from the Deputy Commissaries at Chester, of which he enclosed an extract relating to the repacking the beef at Liverpool, &c., for the army in Ireland; further, that the King had seen the enclosed letter from Mons. Rosenheim, Commissary General of the Danish forces, and had ordered it to be laid before him at the Treasury. Dated 21 May 1690.

The extract above named; but the letter mentioned is not now with it.

Minuted:—"Enquire what summe is requisite for Cuff & Vickers [Deputy Commissaries]. Mr. Blathwayte says about 1,000*l.*" 2 *half pages.*

May 22. 32. "Order of Council for the Lords of the Treasury to consider of a way of exporting tin to Holland, for the payment of His Maj^tys^ forces there." Dated 22 May 1690.

Minuted:—"My L^ds^ will speak with the persons concern'd, & receive their proposall." ½ *page.*

May 22. 33. Letter from the [Earl of] Nottingham to Mr. Jephson, stating that the King had granted 30*l.* to the persons concerned in taking Col. Butler, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Lane, Mr. Matthews, and one Butler, a servant to Col. Butler (who were seized when making their escape into France and brought to Dover); desiring the Lords of the Treasury would give orders for the payment of that sum to Thos. Papillon, M.P. for Dover, who would remit the same to the Mayor and aldermen of Dover for distribution. Dated 22 May 1690.

On the dorse:—"28 May 1690, p[ai]d." 1 *page (quarto).*

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May 23. 34. Certificate of the Earl of Marlborough, that he ordered Sir John Edgworth to recruit the regiment then under his command, &c. Dated 23 May 1690.
With his autograph. ¼ *page.*

May 26. 35. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to William Jephson, Esq., instructing him to announce to the Lords of the Treasury, that the King had given 40*l.* to the persons who took Captains Scudimore, Yarburgh, and some other gentlemen near Malden; in order that the same might be paid to Mr. Mountague, one of the clerks of the Privy Council, who would distribute it. Dated 26 May 1690.
On the dorse:—" 28° ejusdem [*i.e.* Maii] p[ai]d." 1 *page.*

May 27. 36. Letter of Mr. John Sansom, to Willm. Jephson, Esq., Secretary of the Lords of the Treasury, asking him to move their Lordships to discharge the quarter's salary of the officers [of customs], another quarter being near at hand. Dated 27 May 1690.
Minuted:—" Order'd that 2,000*l.* be paid in parte this week, & the rest by weekly payment." ½ *page.*

May 27. 37. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to Mr. Jephson, stating that the King had granted to Sir Robert Southwell, whom he had appointed to be his secretary, 600*l.*, to be advanced immediately, without account; giving instructions to Mr. Jephson to acquaint their Lordships therewith. Dated 27 May 1690.
On the dorse:—" 30 May 1690, paid." ½ *page* (*quarto*).

May 29. 38. Letter of H. Bp. of London to the Lords of the Treasury soliciting the King's benevolence of 20*l.* for Mr. Gellibrand, going over as a chaplain to New York. Dated 29 May 1690.
Also the order for payment, signed H. Sloughter. Dated 7 June 1690.
On the dorse:—" 9° Junii 1690, paid." 2 *half pages* (*quarto*).

May 30. 39. A very decayed paper respecting the cargo of a French vessel captured on the coast of France, coming from St. Christopher's, bound to Nantes in France. Dated 30 May 1690. *The remains of* 1 *page.*

May 30. 40. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition to the King of Mrs. Ellenor Bonnett, who had married a Frenchman and an alien, who shortly after went to Ireland with Sir William Petty. Having heard he was dead after about eight years, she purchased certain houses in Westminster, &c., and then mortgaged them, and afterwards married one Richard Carborne. They were both convicted of treason for " clipping," but she obtained a pardon, and having heard that her husband, Bonnet, was alive, she obtained a commission of inquiry, upon which it was found that her husband was an alien, and that the property in question belonged to the Crown; she, however, obtained a grant of it, but was arrested for debt, and remained in prison. The prayer of the petition was, that her debts might be paid, and that she

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might have the residue. The report recommends that the prayer be complied with. Dated 30 May 1690.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"Respited till the matter be heard in the Court of Exchequer. 13 Dec. 1690." 3½ *pages.*

May 19 and June 3. 41. Two letters, dated 29 May and 3 June 1690, signed Tho. Langley, to the Secretary of the Treasury, together with "An acct of moneyes disburst by Tho. Langley of Harwich, for the releife of poor Dutch passengers in the months of April and May '90. 37*l.* 10*s.* 13° Junij 1690, ordered to bee p[ai]d. 19° ejusd, p[ai]d." 1 *page and* 2 *half pages.*

[About June 3.] 42. Petition of the creditors for victuals supplied to their Majesties' navy, under the direction of Sir Richard Haddock and others, the late Comrs; praying the Lords of the Treasury to allow them to make a loan upon the last Act of Parliament for 1*s.* in the pound, for payment of their debts.

Also a list of the debts.

Minuted:—"To be considered too morrow morning. 3 June 1690. Nil." 1½ *pages.*

June 4. 43. Order made by the Lords of the Committee for the Affairs of Ireland, to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, for the payment of 10*l.* to Jane Adams, relict of Capt. Robert Adams, deceased; in consideration of her husband's losses and services at Londonderry. Dated 4 June 1690.

"6° Junij 1690, paid." ½ *page.*

June 4. 44. An order by the Lords of the Committee for the Affairs of Ireland, to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, to pay 20*l.* to Elizabeth Foulke, wife of Garrat Foulke, Esq., then in gaol at Galway in Ireland; viz., out of the 1,000*l.* in his hands for service in Ireland, for her support, in consideration of her own and her husband's services and sufferings.

"7° Junij 1690, paid." 1 *sheet.*

[About June 6.] 45. Memorial of the Lord Morley Mounteagle and the Ld. Willoughby of Parham, to the Lords of the Treasury; praying for arrears of their pension of 400*l.* a year, granted for their better support as peers of this kingdom.

On the dorse:—"Ordered when there is money."

On 6 June 1690 there was a payment of 100*l.* to each of them. 1 *page.*

June 6. 46. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, sending an information which they had received of a very foul assault committed upon an officer of the customs in the execution of his duty, by Capt. Rooke, commander of a ship of war. Dated 6 June 1690.

The said information.

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Minuted:—" A copy to be sent to the L^ds^ of the Admiralty, desireing they will please to examin this matter." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

June 6. 47. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John King, formerly a landwaiter in the port of Hull, and since of Blythnook in Northumberland; praying to be restored to his employment, and to have two years' arrear of his salary paid him: expressing the opinion that he was deservedly dismissed, for great obstinacy and contempt; and that they saw no pretence, either to any arrear of salary, or for restoration to his employment. Dated 6 June 1690.

Minuted:—" Agreed to."

[He states in his petition that he was the son of Henry King deceased, heretofore minister of Mulbarton in the co. of Norfolk, and a great sufferer in the reign of King Charles the First.]

Also the petition and a certificate. 3 *pages.*

June 6 and 7. 48. Two letters of John Sansom, by command of the Com^rs^ of Customs, to William Jephson, Esq.; the first stating that the Com^rs^ had taken notice that the Imperial Avocatoria had been published at Hamborough, and that thereupon the French resident had withdrawn. The Com^rs^ desired to know the pleasure of their Lordships, whether that was a sufficient notification to them to take off the interdiction of the Hamborough trade, there being then a stop on it; the second, stating that the Com^rs^ commanded him to importune the said Mr. Jephson for the directions of the Lords of the Treasury on the same subject. Dated 6 & 7 June 1690. 2 *half pages.*

June 7. 49. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning a parcel of cordage and pieces of cable, which were seized in the port of Plymouth, and which they had ordered the officers of customs to discharge on payment of the customs, and giving the officer a reasonable gratuity, stating that the payment of the gratuity was resisted, and suggesting that the officer should be allowed to insist upon it, or prosecute his claim in the Exchequer. Dated 7 June 1690.

Minuted:—" Agreed to." 1½ *pages.*

June 11. 50. Order in Council, by the Lords of the Committee for the Affairs of Ireland, for the payment to Capt. Rich. Legg of 15*l.* in consideration of his sufferings, and to enable him to return into their Majesties' service in Ireland. Dated 11 June 1690. ½ *page.*

June 13. 51. Report of the Com^rs^ of Transports, on the petition of Mary Fleming, widow, owner of a vessel employed in the transport service, respecting the allowance for freight. Dated 13 June 1690. Also the petition.

Minuted:—" To be putt on the paper on Wensday next 131^li^ 4^s^ 0^d^." 2 *pages.*

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June 13. 52. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Walter Braems, Esq., informing them that the petitioner's salary at 15*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, *per ann.* appeared to be in arrear from 1684, viz., 92*l.*, and that they had nothing to object against the payment thereof, and of his growing salary. Dated 13 June 1690.

Minuted:—" Order'd."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 14. 53. A letter, signed J. Radcliffe, to [William] Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a *proviso* in a grant to Mr. Marryott, of some estate (not specified) from the Crown. Dated 14 June 1690.

Minuted:—" Mr Radclyffe to be a Comr with Mr. Marriott about conceal'd lands." 1 *page.*

June 16. 54. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that by the prohibition of the French trade several of the ports that lie opposite to France were wholly destitute of any receipt, and by the interruption of trade in general, there was not sufficient money in several of the out-ports to pay the officers their salaries: on account of which the Comrs had been constrained, for the officers' subsistence, to order the payment of money from one port to another, and from the port of London, not doubting to have their Lordships' approval. Dated 16 June 1690.

Minuted:—" Agreed to." 1 *page.*

June 17. 55. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition to His Majesty of 10 poor English seamen, late prisoners at St. Mallo, setting forth that they had wrought on board several prizes at St. Mallo, and received in lieu of moneys small parcels of linen cloth and silk, which on their arrival at Plymouth were seized: submitting that there was no remedy, but that they must abide by a legal determination. Dated 17 June 1690.

Minuted:—" Agreed to."

Copy of the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 20. 56. Report of Mr. R. Maddock to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the state of the chest at Chatham, stating that there had been no money paid to the pensioners since Christmas, and there were three years due at Lady Day last, containing other particulars, also about the chest. Dated Navy Office, 20 June 1690.

Minuted:—" To be consider'd on Wensday morning next." 2¼ *pages.*

June 20. 57. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Francklyn, controller of the port of Berwick, praying a grant of their *fiat* for passing a grant of that office: not objecting to the renewal of his grant. Dated 20 June 1690.

Minuted:—" Agreed to."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

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June 21. 58. Report of George Treby, Attorney-General, to the [Lords of the Treasury], on the petition of Mrs. Ball, and on Sir Christopher Wren's report respecting a timber yard, esteemed part of the palace of Windsor, from which no parish duties had of late years been demanded until a distress for poors' rate was levied, which distress seemed to the Attorney-General to be an incroachment upon the liberties and privileges of the palace. He had transmitted a copy of Mrs. Ball's petition to the several persons mentioned therein, and required them to send their answer; and in case they neglected he advised their Lordships that they might order a messenger to take them into custody, and bring them before their Lordships to answer the premises. Dated 21 June 1690.

Minuted:—"My L^ds agree to M^r Atturney's opinion."

The petition and report referred to. 3 *pages*.

June 21. 59. Letter by direction of the Com^rs of Customs to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Treasury, sending a copy of a letter they had received from Mr. Devereux, an officer at Sandgate Castle, on the coast of Kent, complaining of the want of officers, the export of wool, and the import of French goods. Dated 21 June 1690.

Also the said copy. 1½ *pages*.

June 23. 60. Report of the Commissioners of victualling to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Batt; respecting debts due to him for beer and freight. Dated 23 June 1690.

Minuted:—"To bee donn as the victuallers intend." 1 *page*.

June 26. 61. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Chudleigh, agent to the Royal regiment of Dragoons, which he states was cleared to the 1st of Sept. 1689, and the tradesmen had received nothing on account of clothing since, and were very pressing and in great necessity. They claimed 7,000*l*. Dated 26 June 1690.

Minuted:—"If he will take his debt on the remainder of the 2^s Act, he may have it."

"Mr. Chudleigh desires an assignment upon the 2^s Act, for the whole cloathing; w^ch comes to 2,363*l*. 13*s*. 6*d*.

"He may have the 1,000*l*. only, at present."

Accompanied by the petition, an order in Council, and a paper relating to the debts to the tradesmen. 2 *pages*.

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July 2. 1. Papers concerning the sending of 300,000 weight of tin to Holland. The first paper is as to the urgency of buying the tin without loss of time, as there were but four markets in the year, viz., at the four quarterly coinages. If sent to Holland, it would be expedient to have a convoy; but if put on board a man-of-war, the freight of about 250*l.* would be saved. Dated 2 July 1690.

(2.) Extract from Lord Dursley's letter, stating that English tin was never so low as then, &c. Dated Hague, June $\frac{20}{30}$ 1690.

Minuted:—"Mr Godolphin desir'd to consider of this matter, & to calculate what proffitt it may be to the King to send 300 thousand weight."

And again,—

"Mr Gregor to give an account of what he has donn relating to the Tynn he was to buy for their Maties."

(3.) Estimate of the profit which may arise to the King, in sending 300,000 weight of tin into Holland as the price is now represented there; viz., 39 guilders per cwt. 4 *pages.*

July 3. 2. Memorial of the Comrs of Excise, to the Lords of the Treasury, in vindication of their reputations; showing that by their Commission they were to advance money for the public service, and they had so advanced 100,000*l.* and other considerable sums for the use of the public; and were to receive the same out of rates and duties for satisfying 600,000*l.* to the States General of the United Provinces. They were conscious that they had improved the revenues, but they had been "scandalized, reproached, and traduced" as to their management by several persons who were Comrs of that revenue in the time of King James, and reports had been made that, by reason of their mismanagement and ignorance in matters of excise, the revenue was greatly fallen, and likely to come to little; and these reports had reached their Lordships, and their Majesties' ears; though they could with boldness affirm, that when they inspected their management in King James' time they found them in great disorder; they were further acquainted that Francis Parry, Esq., (who was one of the late Comrs that had so reflected upon them,) was to be appointed an Adjunct Comr with them, without being obliged to advance any moneys, &c.; praying that the charges against them might be brought to a public hearing; further, that this memorial was not out of disrespect to Mr. Parry, but for vindication of their reputations, which were already impaired and become public talk and obloquy, by reason of the intended Adjunct Comr. Dated 3 July 1690.

Minuted:—"The Lds are satisfy'd the complaints are groundless, & they shall be heard if any thing of that kynd be offer'd against them." 1 *large page and a quarter.*

July 3. 3. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Fentzall of London, merchant, that they do

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not object to the entry of a "*nolle prosequi*" upon an information for importing certain steel wire from Holland. Dated 3 July 1690.
Minuted:—"Agreed to."
Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 5. 4. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, moving that a privy seal might pass to discharge the accounts of Sir William Poole, late collector of the port of Bristol, of 4,247*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* being the surcharges made upon him for abatement of the new impositions on tobacco and sugar; by order of His Majesty's agents, when Prince of Orange. Dated 5 July 1690.
Minuted:—"Order'd." 1 *page.*

July 5. 5, Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Clarke of Chichester, concerning his removal to Cowes, in the isle of Wight, and Robert Eden from Cowes to Chichester; expressing their opinion that the removal would be for their Majesties' service. Dated 5 July 1690.
Minuted:—"5 July 1690, Agreed to."
Accompanied by the petition.
"12 Aug. 1690, respited." 2 *pages.*

July 9. 6. Report of the agents for bringing in of taxes, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Brabant, Esquire, referring them to a former report, and stating that since then, an inquisition had been taken of the estate of Sir Henry Brabant, &c.; and that they could not propose it as reasonable at present that the petitioner should have any advantage of the debts due from his late father to His Majesty otherwise than was contained in the report. Dated 9 July 1690.
Minuted:—"My L^ds^ do concurr with this report."
The copy of the report, the petition, and a certificate. 4½ *pages.*

July 9. 7. Copy of a privy seal for payment of moneys out of the receipt of the Exchequer, for navy forces, ordnance, or other public or particular uses or services. Dated 19 April 1 Will. and Mary. Certified as a true copy 9 July 1690. 2 *pages.*

July 9. 8. Report of the Com^rs^ of the victualling upon the petition of Champion Ashby, respecting butter and cheese credited to their Majesties' navy. Dated 9 July 1690.
Minuted:—"14 July 1690. Lett the bills on the excise be discharg'd by tally, & for the remainder the Com^rs^ of the victualling will take care to pay it in course." 4 *half pages.*

July 9. 9. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, praying an order to ease the officers of customs, whose salaries did not exceed 60*l.* *per ann.* from payment of the assessment, under the last Poll Act; similar to previous exemptions. Dated 9 July 1690.
Minuted:—"M^r^ Langford to cast upp what it comes to. It comes to about 1,454^li^ 15*s.* 0*d.* My L^ds^ do not think fitt to allow this, the

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tax being but small of 12*d.* per li., & every body ought to bear some share of the comon burthen." 1 *page.*

July 11. 10. Representation of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the arrears of excise were greatly increased, and a great part likely to be wholly lost, by reason in some places there were no justices of the peace appointed by their Majesties; and in others, where they were appointed, they refused to act: giving the particulars of a number of persons who had been refused licences on various grounds. Dated 11 July 1690.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs of Excise to prepare letters to be signed by the L^ds of the Treary, directed to the severall persons complain'd of in this memoriall." 2½ *pages.*

July 12. 11. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Chr. Letheulier and others, interested in the lading of the ship "St. Antonio;" praying a "*nolle prosequi*" for the King's part of the forfeiture; and an order to discharge the ship and lading, on giving the officers a suitable recompence, submitting that they had no objection to the granting of the *nolle prosequi.* Dated 12 July 1690.

[See another report on this matter, 29 April 1690.]

Minuted:—"My L^ds cannot grant it."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 14. 12. Report of the agents for taxes to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Brabin, Esq., recommending that he should be allowed 100*l.* for his charges, disbursement, and pains in the discharge of his duties as solicitor within the county and city of Lincoln and county of Rutland, for the levying the aid of 12*d.* in the pound; and further recommending him to favour. Dated 14 July 1690.

Minuted:—"Speak with the agents."

Two petitions and a certificate. 4 *pages.*

July 18. 13. Report of Robert Humfreys, gent., Deputy Auditor of Wales, on the petition of John Hoblyn, Esqre, as to rent and arrears due to the Crown; arising from the lordship of Dyffrin Cloyd, in the town of Ruthin, of which lordship the petitioner was owner. Dated 18 July 1690.

At the foot is another letter to their lordships stating that the petitioner had proposed himself and his next brother Mr. Edward Hoblyn as security for 900*l.*, being the said arrears. Dated 7 Jan. 1690–1.

There are two or three minutes on the dorse, the last of which is dated 29 June '91 as follows:—

"The L^ds can allow y^e pet^r but 2 years; y^e first paym^t to commence at Michas next, & so to continue half yearly (in proportion) till ye whole is p^d." 3 *pages.*

July 18. 14. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Carter, to be admitted into such station

1690. in the customs in the port of London as their Lordships should think fit; certifying their high approval of him, as a person of no mean experience, and that they in the previous July designed him to visit the western ports; and were giving him instructions and despatches for that purpose, when they received a warrant from their Lordships to dismiss him and to constitute Col. Willm. Parsons in his stead, expressing the opinion that he was well qualified as a land surveyor of that port. Dated 18 July 1690.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 23. 15. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth the difficulties they had met with from the Patent officers, who refused to comply with the arrangement that had been made to render them more useful; and laying before their Lordships more particularly the case of Oliver Lyme, comptroller of the port of Chester and members, who had in 1681, been detected of divers frauds and misdemeanors, committed in the port of Liverpool, a member of the port of Chester; but who found means to obtain a pardon. It was however found convenient to order him to remove to Chester, being the head port, and to allow 20*l.* *per ann.*, out of the profits for a deputy to be provided by the Board, but in regard to his health he was allowed to remain at Liverpool, provided he did not interfere with the management of the office there; but lately he had withheld from Mr. Thos. Warburton, the appointed deputy, the 20*l.* a year and the clerk's profits; and had hindered him in the execution of his duty under the pretence of executing the office in person, or appointing his own deputy; moving their Lordships to consider the case, as the management of the office would be materially affected, by this case acting as an example with the other Patent officers, and would render the Com^rs^ unable to manage upon the present establishment; further, that their Lordships would lay their hands on his salary by suspension, or otherwise, to compel him to comply with the establishment. Dated 23 July 1690.

Report of Sir Geo. Treby giving his opinion that they could suspend the controller.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs^ to give order to the cashier, that his salary be stop'd till further order." 2½ *pages.*

July 24. 16. Report of the agents for taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Newsham, Esq., praying to be allowed to transfer 21*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*, overpaid by him on his account of the 12*d.* aid, to his account of the 3*s.* aid; advising that it should be allowed. Dated 24 July.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

July 26. 17. Mr. Auditor Shales' report on the petition of William Henley and Elizabeth his wife, concerning the rents of the manor of Reigate, which the petitioners sought to have assigned to them, to pay the

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surplusage of 303*l.* 2*s.* 4¾*d.* on the foot of their account. Dated 26 July 1690.

Minuted:—"The petitioner may have a copy of Mr. Shaleses Report." 2 *pages.*

July 28. 18. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that the several allowances now charged upon the salaries of the landwaiters, viz., 40*l.* *per ann.* to Mr. Willey, 40*l.* *per ann.* to Mr. Bathurst, and 30*l.* *per ann.* to Mr. Turner be (according to former practice and the justice of the case) respectively borne by the junior landwaiters, as they should succeed to that employment, and that Joshua Savage be discharged thereof, instead of Mr. Beaulieu. Dated 28 July 1690.

Minuted:—"The 110*l.* to be payd by the 6 juniors: viz., the senior 10^li^ and the others 20^li^ a peice, & to be discharg'd in turns as the superannuated officers dye off." 2 *pages.*

[?July 28.] 19. Another paper, probably an enclosure to the preceding, containing memoranda, showing that by warrants of the year 1686 certain payments were to be made by the junior landwaiters to officers removed, and that by one of that year, the above Joshua Savage was made a landwaiter, instead of Anthony Weldon, who succeeded Samuel Bathurst and had ever since paid 40*l.* *per ann.* to the latter. Though he could not be relieved by the words of the order, he seemed to be within the reason of it. Ending with suggestions for the relief of Mr. Savage. 2 *pages.*

July 31. 20. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Peter Killigrew, Knight and Baronet, praying to be discharged of the bond in which he was bound for one Samuel Carpenter, for duty on tobacco, in the port of Falmouth, which the latter had failed to pay, stating that they had referred the matter to Mr. Hutchinson their solicitor, who reported that the facts were as represented in the petition: submitting his request for their Lordships' consideration. Dated 31 July 1690.

Minuted:—"To be layd before the King." Also a note,—"See the minute 27 Mar. 93."

Accompanied by the petition and Mr. Hutchinson's report. 2 *sheets and* 2 *halves.*

July 31. 21. Report of John Wildman, Esq., Postmaster-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Bastinck, stating that he had examined the allegations in the petition, and that the petitioner had been a contractor with the several Postmasters-General and Governors of the Post Office, for providing packet-boats for the mails from Dover to Calais and Newport; and that he believed the petitioner's allegations were true, that the agreements were intended for a time of peace, and that no provision was made for a war between France and England; that it was necessary (as was alleged) to have extra seamen; that the packet boat called

1690. the "Philip," coming from Newport with the mails, was taken by a French privateer, and carried to Dunkirk as a prize; that the seamen who were then taken prisoners received from the petitioner 125*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* and 23*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*; that the 27*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* demanded by the petitioner for colours for the packet boats was unnecessary, and that proof was offered of the sums due by affidavits annexed. Dated 31 July 1690.

Minuted:—"My L[ds] do concurr with Majr Wildman's Report."

The petition, together with an account and six affidavits. 11 *pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 4. 22. Report of the [Commissioners of Customs?] in favour of reinstating Mr. Upton, late tide surveyor of Falmouth, on account of his loyalty, affection, and services. Dated 4 Aug. 1690.

Also certificates, &c. in his favour.

Minuted:—"If the Com[rs] think fitt to present him to any employm[t] suitable for him, my L[ds] will then consider of it. Speak with the Com[rs]." 4½ *pages.*

June 4 and Aug. 4. 23. Report, signed J. Somers [Solicitor-General] made to [Her] Majesty, upon the petition of John Davison and others, inventors of certain instruments or engines for the draining and making land profitable, advising that if the Queen should grant the sole benefit of the invention for 14 years, it would be effectual in law, but as to the grant of the soil so recovered, setting forth various difficulties. Dated 4 June 1690.

At the foot is a notice, that it was referred by Her Majesty's direction to the Lords of the Treasury on 16 June 1690.

Another report, signed "William Tailer in the absence of Mr. Surveyor-General," stating that as to the grant of the soil, he thinks it unadvisable, &c. Dated 4 Aug. 1690.

Minuted:—"My L[ds] will graunt a lease of 60 years, under the restrictions, covenants, and proposals of the Report."

Also answers by the petitioner to objections made by the Lords of the Treasury, indorsed thus,—"Memoriall of John Davison, &c., in answer to theyr Lo̅pps minute, upon his petition for a grant of ousy land, &c., between high and low-water marke." 4 *pages.*

Aug. 4 and 6. 24. Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty, to the Lords of the Treasury, pressing upon their Lordships' consideration the great importance it was to their Majesties' service that the seamen should have all fitting encouragement, and that money should be speedily supplied to the governors of the chest; and further, that the time when they would be paid should be notified in the Gazette. Dated 4 Aug. 1690.

[Some of the pensions were nearly 3½ years in arrear.]

Memorial to the same effect, from the governors of the chest at Chatham. Dated 6 Aug. 1690.

Two other papers relating thereto. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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Aug. 5. 25. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh, on the petition of Mr. James Smithesby, agent to a regiment of foot, in favour of an allowance to him of 201*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* Dated 5 Aug. 1690.

Also the petition, together with the copy of a letter from William Jephson, Esq., to the Earl asking him to report on the petition. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 6. 26. Letter of Francis Archbishop of Dublin to the Lords [of the Treasury], praying that his goods (which were merely such as were for his own proper use, he having been robbed in Ireland,) might pass freely in the custom houses without the vexation of a search, as he designed to return to Ireland. Dated 6 Aug. 1690.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 9. 27. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending as waiter and searcher at Plymouth William Williams, who had served for some time as extraordinary in that port (William Tiley and John Horsman having been also recommended to them), not objecting to Horsman succeeding in some future vacancy. Dated 9 Aug. 1690.

Minuted:—"If M^r^ Atturney insist on it Horseman shall have this & Williams the next, or else Horseman shall have the next.

"Mr. Atturney insists no further in behalf of his friend than as the Com^rs^ of the Customes shall find him fit for the employm^t^ upon examination.

"Williams shall have this & Horseman the next."

Copy of their former report on the same subject, dated 20 June 1690. 1 *and half pages.*

Feb. 24–Aug. 13. 28. Memorial of Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, to be paid 500*l.* or 600*l.* by way of imprest, to conduct prosecutions. Dated 24 Feb 1689.

Also a list of the persons, and the charges for which they were to be tried. They all arose out of the Revolution.

7 May 1690. A note of what prosecutions are now going on against the several persons hereafter named, for crimes and misdemeanors committed against the King and Queen and their Government.

Another application for 500*l.* by Aaron Smith. Dated 12 May 1690.

Three other papers, in which he was concerned, relating to attainted persons. The last is dated 13 Aug. 1690.

Docquetted;—"Mem^ll^ of Aaron Smith to the R^t^ Hono^ble^ the Lords of the Treasury, for 1,000*l.* to execute commissions for inquiry into the estates of Marquis Powis & others in order to seizure." *In all* 12 *pages or half pages.*

Aug. 13. 29. Report of Will^m^ Tailer, in the absence of Mr. Surveyor-General, to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of East Stockwith, in the county

1690. of Lincoln, who had two years before petitioned for a lease of the passage over the Trent, in the town of Stockwith, and for six acres of meadow there, to be granted them for such a number of years in reversion as might fill up the term of a lease to William Midwinter, gent., to thirty-one years; stating that the passage and land, being part of the duchy of Cornwall, were granted by King Charles the First (when Prince) in trust to the use of the inhabitants for 21 years, and subsequently they were again granted. If their Lordships should grant a new lease to trustees for the inhabitants in respect of their ancient tenancy, and the wrong which seemed to have been done to them by Mr. Midwinter, he thought a fine of 45*l.* reasonable for a term of 28 years in reversion, &c. Dated 13 Aug. 1690.

Minuted:—"Graunted to the petit^rs according to the report & the petit^rs to give Midwinter notice that such a graunt is passing. 25 Aug. 1690."

Copy of the petition and an affidavit referred to in the report.

Also a further petition on the same subject, and "The case between W^m Midwinter, gen., and the inhabitants of East Stockwith." 6½ *pages.*

Aug. 13. 30. Report of Mr. Charles Fox, endorsed on an account of what remained to be paid of the tradesmen's bills of the Royal Regiment of Dragoons; stating that the bills amounted to 3,651*l.* 9*s.*, and Mr. Chudleigh the agent had paid them but 1,215*l.* 19*s.* Dated 13 Aug. 1690. *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 31. Report, signed Aaron Smith, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, grounded on the report of Mr. Samuel Brewster, deputy usher of the Court of Exchequer, as to the rights of the inhabitants of the houses adjoining to that part of their Majesties' Treasury [over the gate going out of New Palace Yard into St. Margaret's Lane], stating that one Mr. Doughty pretended title thereto, and had promised to show his title but had not done so, and the reporter conceived he had not any legal title thereto, but that the ancient right of the Crown was unimpeached. Dated 14 Aug. 1690.

The report referred to. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 32. Copy of a report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a letter from Mr. Abraham Stock, of Dover, respecting the practices of the wool carriers upon the coast about Rumney Marsh. The report states that the two vessels specially employed on the coast, by reason of the war, were not able to keep the sea, but a land force of eight riding officers had been appointed to prevent the transportation of wool, &c., and recommending some small ships of force to be directed to cruise for that purpose, and to prevent conveyance of intelligence to the King's enemies. Dated 14 Aug. 1690. 1 *page.*

Aug. 15. 33. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to their previous presentment of 20 May, as to the hardship sustained by Mr. John Holland, the collector of Hull,

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by the withholding of his salary by the two Patent customers; stating that one of them, Mr. John Tempest, was then dead, and recommending Mr. Holland for the place and that he be obliged to collect for his patent salary and fees; but if their Lordships appointed some other person, moving them, that the grant might be only for pleasure. Dated 15 Aug. 1690.

Minuted:—"The place is graunted to Allured, but my L^ds^ do agree that all Patent officers shall subscribe the instrum^t^ as they propose.

Also form of agreement to be subscribed by the Patent Offices, as settled by the Com^rs^ of Customs, as to the payment of their deputies, &c. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 16. 34. Letter signed W. Harbord, to Mr. Jephson, stating that he had brought several things for Her Majesty, the Lord Portland, and others, and also the treaty of peace between His Majesty and the Elector of Brandenburg, sealed up and directed to the Earl of Nottingham, which the surveyor at Greenwich desired to have opened; desiring him to write to the Commissioners of Customs to allow them to be brought to his house and opened there. Dated 16 Aug. 1690.

At the foot is an order to bring the things to Mr. Harbord's house in Newport Street, to be opened there, &c. 1 *page.*

Aug. 16. 35. Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the season being so far advanced, they though it necessary speedily to bring the great ships then at sea into harbour, to be paid off and laid up, giving them timely notice to provide the money. Dated 16 Aug. 1690. 1 *page.*

Aug. 19. 36. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had given directions to the officers of the outports to use their utmost endeavours to procure and imprest seamen, for which the officers had disbursed several sums of money, and for which they could not have credit on their accounts; seeking that directions might be given to the Com^rs^ of the Navy to pay the same to the Receiver-General of the Customs. Dated 19 Aug. 1690.

Minuted:—"A letter to the Navy Board to pay these bills according to their own proposition." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 19. 37. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Johnson, master of the ship "Amos," of Stockholm, forfeited for having brought 4,000 deals from Norway, being a vessel from Sweden, pleading ignorance of the law, and praying for the delivery of the ship, upon giving the officers reasonable satisfaction; referring the question to His Majesty's Council. Dated 19 Aug. 1690.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs^ are to doe according to law."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

1690. [About Aug. 20.] 38. Petition of the Lady Margaret Hay, administratrix to William late Earl of Kinnoul, &c., and sister to the Earl, stating that King Charles the Second had granted to the Earl the custom of all smalts, borillia, or saffers and potashes, &c.; further that some persons had suggested that the grant was void, and petitioned for it; praying for the extension of a fortnight, to be heard by counsel.

Minuted:—"To be putt off till Friday come fortnight, 20 Aug. 1690." 1 *page.*

Aug. 23. 39. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Taylor, merchant, setting forth that the petitioner contracted with the Navy Board to deliver a considerable quantity of masts into their Majesties' stores, being promised immediate convoy for his ships, which convoy was not forthcoming; whereupon the petitioner's factor at Riga freighted a ship called the "City of Riga" with the masts, and the ship was seized at Deptford, being Dutch built; referring the matter to His Majesty in Council. Dated 23 Aug. 1690.

Minuted:—"19 Sept. 1690. The Attorney Gen^ll^ to enter a *nol. pros.* for the King's parte."

The petition and three other documents connected with it. One is a warrant to the Attorney-General to enter a "*noli prosequi*" on the information, upon producing from the officer of customs a receipt for one moiety of the value of the ship and goods, &c. Dated 22 Sept. 1690. 6 *pages.*

Aug. 25. 40. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nathaniel Gould, merchant (similar to the report dated 19 Aug. 1690, on the petition of Chr. Johnson,) relating to a forfeiture for the infringement of the Navigation Laws, by bringing masts and deals from Sweden in a Dutch ship. Dated 25 Aug. 1690.

Minuted:—"If the goods be sold to the King, his Ma^ties^ parte to be released, & Lowndes to speak w^th^ M^r^ Bertie."

The petition and seven other documents relating thereto. 6 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Aug. 27. 41. Discharge by the Lords of the Treasury, of a warrant dated 8 Aug. 1690, to Aaron Smith, gent., and another, to take attornments of certain tenants in the county of Surrey, and elsewhere. Dated 27 Aug. 1690. 1 *page.*

Aug. 28. 42. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Governor and Company of Merchants of London, trading to the East Indies; respecting certain tea and coffee imported in a damaged state, which they sought might be viewed and a proportionable abatement made; stating that the usage with that Company had been to land their goods by bill at sight taken out for the entire cargo, mentioning only the species of goods, the number of chests, &c., without expressing the contents; upon the credit of the

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Company's seal, to pay custom for what was found due upon examination, the damage being adjusted before the entries were perfected; but in the present instance they were under no engagement to pay the duty, and might, when the goods were landed by permission, leave them upon the King's hands for his custom; the Com^rs had accordingly proposed to the company's agent, that if he would take out a bill at sight for the tea and coffee, upon the credit of the Company's seal, as in other cases, the officers might view and make allowance; otherwise they could not advise the landing of the goods. Dated 28 Aug. 1690.

Minuted:—"If the Company will make their entry as formerly they used to doe, the Com^rs Customs shall consider them for the decay & damage of the tea & coffee."

Also two petitions. 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 31.] 43. Some reasons humbly submitted to the consideration of the Right Honourable the Lords Com^rs of their Majesties' Treasury, by Mr. Evelyn, the present Receiver-General of the counties of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, why Sir John Banks ought to have no reprisals granted him out of that receipt.

Accompanied by a letter from Mr. John Packer to John Evelyn, Esq., stating that he had received his letter, and as to Sir John Banke's pretensions to the rents of the manor of Shoreham and other rents within their Majesties' honour of Otford, he desired to be heard in their Majesties' behalf (being their steward), before a grant passed. Dated ult. Aug. 1690. 2½ *pages.*

[About Aug. 1690.] 44. Petition of Elias Aubin, captain in the regiment Du Cambon, "praying their Lordshipps' order to M^r Fox, to pay him 100^li. upon acc^t, he having been at great charges in raising recruits for the said regiment, which have been all sent into Ireland except, 50, 37 of which are musterd, y^e other 13 he expects daily from Holland, and will be all ready to be transported into Ireland, as soon as y^e pet^r is enabled by yo^r Lordships." [French.]

A list of the names of the 37 men and five others.

Minuted:—"22th Aug. 1690. To be consider'd next Wensday. Let the muster-master certify if they be compleat." 2½ *pages.*

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Sept. 1. 1. Letter by command of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Jephson, enclosing a copy of an estimate, prepared by the Navy Board, of the wages which would be due to their Majesties' first and second rate ships on the last of that month, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 1 Sept. 1690.

Also the estimate. 1½ *pages.*

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Sept. 5. 2. "A state of the case between Doctor John Jones and Abraham Rottermondt," with relation to the posts of apothecary to the household and apothecary to the person. Dated 5 Sept. 1690.
The petition of Dr. Jones, praying that neither Rottermondt, nor any one else, might be admitted into his employment.
Minuted :—"To be lay'd before the King." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 8. 3. Letter by command of the Lords of the Admiralty, sending, to the Lords of the Treasury, a bond given by Mr. Woolfe, and two other merchants of London, to procure 30 mariners for their Majesties' service at Portsmouth, in consideration of a liberty given for two ships to proceed to Russia; no certificate having been produced of the delivery of the mariners. Dated 8 Sept. 1690.
Docquetted :—"From the Admiralty, with a forfeited bond of 100*l.* from Woolfe, Lenten, & Caulier."
Minuted :—"M^r^ Smith is to putt this bond in suit." ¾ *page.*

Sept. 11. 4. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the case of Mr. Mark Wildbore, late collector of the port of Whitehaven, praying their Lordships' directions about repaying him for a disbursement made for the hire of the ship "Deliverance," of Whitehaven, by command of the Lords of the Treasury, to carry arms from that port to Ireland. Dated 11 Sept. 1690.
Minuted :—"The cashier of the customs if it appear due, to pay it & place it to the account of incidents."
An order of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the collector to hire the said ship. 2½ *pages.*

[About Sept. 16.] 5. Petition of the Hon. the Lady Margaret Hay, administratrix to William, late Earl of Kinnoul, and sister to the Earl, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury; praying to be heard by counsel upon her two petitions touching a grant of an annuity out of the duty of 4½ per cent., and the grant of the duty of all potashes, smalts, and borillia.
Minuted :—"16 Sept^r^ 1690. To be heard on Monday next afternoone." 1 *page.*

Sept. 16. 6. Letter, signed "Rich^d^ Savage, in the absence of M^r^ Sansom," addressed to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary of the Lords of the Treasury; sending a copy of the Com^rs^ presentment of 9 July, for remission of the tax on the officers' salaries. Dated 16 Sept. 1690.
Accompanied by the copy. 4 *leaves.*

[About Sept. 17.] 7. Petition of Dorothy Hubblethorne, widow and relict of Col. John Hubblethorne, deceased, showing that King Charles the Second settled a pension of 200*l.* *per annum* for the maintenance of her children, in consideration of the services of her husband, who was slain in the last Dutch war, but she had received no benefit from her pension for the last three years; praying for present relief.

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Minuted:—"To be consider'd when the King settles the establishment of Ireland." "Brought in by y^e^ King, 17 Septemb^r^ 1690."

Accompanied by another paper entitled "Mrs. Hubblethorne's case." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 19. 8. Letter of Francis, Archbishop of Dublin, to Sir Stephen Fox, one of the Com^rs^ of their Majesties' revenue at the Treasury Chamber, applying for an officer to view the parcels he designed to send by Chester into Ireland, and for a permit for them, and a coach and six horses, in order that they might be allowed to pass without the vexation and trouble of a search from the custom-house officers. He says that in Ireland, where he had lost so much, he was obliged to procure a little conveniency of living, and feared the rigour of these officers would make every pair of shoes that were not cobbled new, unless relieved by an order. Dated 19 Sept. 1690. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 19. 9. Petition of Thomas Harrison, pavior, showing that he was thrown into prison, and his wife and children turned out of doors, and praying the order of the Lords of the Treasury for the payment of 72*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.*, due for paving in St. James' Park and the Tilt Yard. With Sir Christopher Wren's report endorsed on it in his favour. Dated 19 Sept. 1690.

Minuted:—"To be p^d^ by M^r^ Lloyd, Paymaʳ of Works, when money is ordered." ½ *sheet.*

Sept. 19. 10. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of William Gore, merchant, who prayed to be allowed to import certain indigo of inferior quality, having paid the duty on its importation two years before: declining to advise their Lordships to make the abatement. Dated 19 Sept. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 19. 11. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury upon a letter from Col. Stede, receiver of their Majesties' casual revenue in Barbadoes, also addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, praying liberty to come over for his health, stating that they could not, on so pressing an occasion, deny him liberty to come, and so gave him permission to appoint a deputy in his absence. Dated, 19 Sept. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

The Com^rs^ letter to him in answer to his letter, which is also united. It states that he had received their Lordships' commands to his Excellency Col. James Kendall, Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief of that island, who had arrived on 12 May, and if this were not an uncertain conveyance (there being but two or three small ships of little force without convoy,) he would have sent their Lordships the account of receipts of the casual revenue to Christmas last, but hoped to do so with more safety

1690. by the next fleet, which would sail with a convoy. He then gives an account of what had happened up to the 24th of July, viz., that little had been received by him, and he could not make so speedy a return as their Lordships expected, for bills of exchange were from 15*l.* to 20*l.* per cent. in exchange, and not to be purchased at that rate from good men that would comply duly with their payment; there were enough of others that would not so comply at something more moderate, who would take money and give their bills, which would never be paid but with long time and great difficulty, and those he avoided, for few men of credit and ability had effects in England for want of ships to carry their produce thither. This and the last year had brought such plentiful crops of all things that this island produced, that it was there of little value for want of conveyance to send it to market, which also was the reason their Majesties' revenue of 4½ per cent., and other customs there, appeared not so considerable as they were in themselves, and would prove to be, for those revenues could only be levied as the produce was shipped off, and whenever that were the case it would produce considerably, and what was short in one year would be supplied in the next, for it must be shipped off whenever ships could be had, it not being possible to consume any considerable part of it there; the people there very zealously laid hold of their Majesties' grace in giving leave to commute that duty of 4½ per cent. for some other revenue of a better value; it was then five weeks since Admiral Wright, with his squadron of ships, went to the Leeward Carribee Islands, with intent to make some considerable attempt on the French, of which, or their success, they had no account, but were in daily hopes of having good news from them, knowing the French had no ship of force in America, and that they were not very strong or well manned in any or all the islands, so that they had all the reason imaginable to believe when the fleet returned it would be with honour and victory. He then begs, on account of his health, to be allowed to come to England, and when recovered to return to end his days in that island. Dated 27 June 1690. 3¼ *pages.*

Sept. 22. 12. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury complaining of continued interruptions in carrying on the King's service at Liverpool by Mr. Oliver Lyme, the controller of the port of Liverpool, and sending a copy of a letter from Mr. Warburton, the person appointed by their Lordships to be his deputy, complaining of the withholding of his maintenance, and obstruction in his duty; and that Mr. Lyme had carried home the seal of office, and there, contrary to all rule and practice, sealed the public despatches, which ought to be done in open custom-house; reminding their Lordships of their previous presentment of 23 July, and praying for the suspension of Mr. Lyme, or otherwise as their Lordships should be advised. Dated 22 Sept. 1690.

Minuted:—"Respited till Mr. Lyme come up." 1½ *pages.*

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Sept. 27. 13. Memorandum of what was due to Mr. William Talbott for round shot delivered into their Majesties' stores. Dated 27 Sept. 1690.

Also of what was due for an engine fixed at Hull to make salt water fresh. 1 *page.*

Sept. 27. 14. Memorandum by Mons. D'Allonne that two boxes of "thee," [tea] directed to the Queen for her use, had been stopped at Harwich, and sent to Ipswich, for which the order or warrant of the Lords of the Treasury was desired. Dated, Whitehall, 27 Sept. 1690.

Minuted:—"If they are seized the Lords cannot discharge the seizer's share." "To be sent for up." ½ *page (quarto).*

Sept. 29. 15. Letter of the [Com^rs] of the Board of Green Cloth to Wm. Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Treasury, inclosing an extract of the wages and board wages, and the whole charge contained in the establishment of the Royal household and stables. Dated 29 Sept. 1690. 2¼ *pages.*

Sept. 30. 16. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury laying before them a commission to pass the seal of the Court of Exchequer, the purport whereof was to confirm and renew a former commission of King Charles II., which was executed in the year 1667, for the settling, bounding, and limiting the port of London, and the wharfs, keys, and places for the shipping and landing of goods; praying their Lordships' warrant to the Remembrancer of the Exchequer for the passing the same. Dated 30 Sept. 1690.

Endorsed:—"Presentment for settling keys in y^e port of London." 1 *page.*

April to Sept. 17. An abstract of the ordinary and extraordinary expense of His Majesty's household and stables. From April to Sept. 1690. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 1. 18. Memorial of the inhabitants of Chester, Liverpool, Shrewsbury, &c., praying for payment of 4,227*l.* 12*s.* due to them for provisions and stores delivered to Charles Fryth for the army in Ireland.

"Brought in by y^e King, Octb^r 1^st '90." ½ *page.*

Oct. 1. 19. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Michael Pope and Richard Gotley, merchants trading to Virginia and the West Indies, who had let for hire six ships to the Com^rs of the Transports, which had been employed in going to Virginia and the Leeward Islands; which ships were so lately discharged from that service that they could not repair them in time to supply the necessity of the plantations, but they were necessitated to buy a ship to go to Virginia; and then prayed to be allowed their complement of men "out of the proportion of seamen allowed for Bristol," to prevent the utter ruin and destruction of many poor souls that were in Virginia upon their plantations in want of necessaries; advising that the ship should be com-

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prehended amongst the ships of Bristol bound to the plantations, and permitted to proceed with a proportion of mariners agreeable to the burthen.

Minuted:—"The Lords agree to this, if there be no further objection, & the Com^rs may give order accordingly." 3 *leaves.*

Also the petition. Dated 1 Oct. 1690.

Oct. 3. 20. Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, sending in the margin a list of the ships which had arrived at the Blackstakes, in the River Medway, in order to their being brought up to Chatham, to be there laid up and paid off.

Another letter from the Navy Office, on the same subject. Both dated 3 Oct 1690. 2¼ *pages.*

Oct. 3. 21. Report of Charles Fox, Esq. to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Paul Darby, informing their Lordships that his whole debt for clothing the regiments amounted to 11,638*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*, and ought to have been paid by monthly payments, on which there was then due 4,447*l.* 7*s.* Dated 3 Oct. 1690.

The report is endorsed on the petition.

Minuted:—"To be on the 2^sh Act, after these directed."

Certificate of the amount due to Paul Darby and partners for clothing divers regiments. Signed Jacob van der Esch. Dated 1 Sept. 1690.

Another copy, without the signature. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 6. 22. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Dodsworth, merchant, setting forth that of late years the exportation of silver had been so great that the working goldsmiths, the last session of Parliament, petitioned for redress thereof, and asserted that the milled money was usually melted down and exported to their disadvantage and that of the nation; that the petitioner had found by entries at the Custom House, London, from 3 Mar. to 11 Sept., about 6,000 ounces of silver had been publicly shipped for Holland and other foreign markets; that the law gave leave for exportation of foreign bullion only, and the petitioner was advised that, if melted down here, it was an English manufacture, and ought to pay custom outwards; and being advised that above 60,000 ounces were being shipped, he informed the officers of customs, and went with them on board one of the ships and found about 35,000 ounces, and about 16,000 ounces of mixed metal, not worth above 4*s.* per ounce, when the standard was 5*s.* 2*d.*, and the officer, concluding it an English manufacture, seized it; on which the Attorney-General's opinion was taken, who was in favour of the payment of the custom, but one of the Board declared against breaking an old custom, and so the officer was fearful to act; that the custom of the parcel lately shipped amounted to 800*l.* and for six months past to 6,000*l.*: praying their Lordships to hear counsel on the subject. The report they make is, that by the laws, as they then stood, the exportation as well as the importation of bullion was encouraged, and made free of all duties and fees; and by bullion had been always understood

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all manner of gold and silver in the mass, not coined or wrought into utensils of plate, whether melted down in this kingdom or not; and that the practice had been to give it all manner of ease and freedom, but if it should be thought inconvenient, it must be remedied by law. Dated 6 Oct. 1690.

Accompanied by the petition, the petition of the goldsmiths referred to, "the case stated by the goldsmiths," the object being, as they state, "The preserving and increasing its currant coin and treasure, with the general trade, and consequently the prosperity and security thereof;" and two other papers relating to the same matter. 6 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Oct. 7. 23. Representations by the Com^rs of the Excise and Hearth Money to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting certain bills of exchange not paid. Dated 7 Oct. 1690.

Also, a schedule of bills of exchange upon the Earle of Ranelagh, unpaid 23 Sept. 1690. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 7. 24. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Peter Longuevile and John Goudet, of London, merchants, respecting certain bales of Italian thrown silk; advising that they should be allowed to be exported by free warrant, without payment of duty, either inward or outward, having arrived after the 1st of September, the day limited by the Act passed 20 May in that year; one of the reasons preventing their arrival being that the French fleet was then on the English coast. Dated 7 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition. 3 *pages and* 2 *quarters.*

Oct. 8. 25. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Christian Cruese, master of the ship "Madam Swan," belonging to subjects of the King of Denmark, which ship was seized as forfeited upon the Act of Navigation, being Flemish built and bringing Danish timber; advising her discharge, as her lading was intended for Portugal. Dated 8 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition (in French), and an affidavit. 2 *pages,* 2 *halves, and a quarter.*

Oct. 10 & 21. 26. Memorial of Mr. Bertie and Mr. Savage, about seizure of a vessel exporting wool, dated 10 Oct. 1690; and another paper relating thereto, dated 21 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"Upon paying 53^li 6^s 8^d to be discharged. 13th Dec. '90." 2 *pages.*

Oct. 11. 27. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the payment of the officers' salaries of the port of London. Dated 11 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"My L^ds are still of the same opinion, that the quarter book shall be payd out of the 4^th part, from this 1^st November, & the inferiour officers are to be first payd."

"31 Oct. '90. The Com^rs Customs say they will observe the above directions." 1½ *pages.*

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Oct. 13. 28. Letter from Lord Nottingham to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them, by the King's command, that he would have them give orders to the officers of customs in the several ports of England to return a list of all the mariners and seafaring men as speedily as possible. Dated 13 Oct. 1690. 1 *page (quarto)*.

July 24. Aug. 30. Oct. 15. 29. Three papers marked 1, 2, 3, relating to the revenue of 4½ *per cent.* in Barbadoes, the first being a certificate of Christopher Codrington, addressed to his Excellency the "General," stating that the Com^rs^ of the revenue of 4½ *per cent.* had paid to Lieut.-Col. Holt, commander, towards the payment of his regiment, 116,007 lbs. of Muscovado sugar, which produced 650*l.* Dated 24 July 1690. The second being a receipt given by Col. Kendale, dated 30 Aug. 1690, and the third a receipt by Thomas Sadler, for moneys paid from that revenue, dated 15 Oct. 1690. 3 *pages*.

Oct 17. 30. Letter, signed "Tho. Pinfold," to William Jephson, Esq. respecting the arrest of the ship "John and Thomas," and the captain of the same; which ship broke away from the officers of customs, at Shoreham. Dated 17 Oct. 1690.

With this is another memorandum relating to custom-house business. 1 *page and a little piece.*

Oct. 17. 31. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Jan Peel, master of the vessel called the "Towne of Ostend," praying the discharge of the ship, seized for contravening the Navigation Laws, stating that Mr. Bertie does not object to the discharge of the ship, he being satisfied for his trouble and charge. Dated 17 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Accompanied by the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 32. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning a parcel of sugar entered as sugars of English plantations, but discovered to be Surinam sugars belonging to Mr. Gardner, upon which a trial was had the last term; advising the acceptance of the duty and charges offered to be paid by him. Dated 20 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"My L^ds^ do agree to what the Com^rs^ propose." 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 22. 33. Two letters and two reports concerning spermaceti oil, the produce of a whale cast ashore at the Bermudas, the right to which was claimed by Sir Robert Robinson, the Governor. [He was allowed it in part payment of his salary.] The last dated 22 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to according to M^r^ Blathwaytes letter 11 Nov. '90." 4 *pages.*

Oct. 22. 34. Report of Brook Bridges, Esq., one of the Auditors of Imprest to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Roberts, paymaster of the works at Windsor, viz., as to the allowance of fees usually paid to the officers of the Exchequer, and for payments

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to the proprietors, &c., of lands taken into their Majesties avenue at Windsor. Dated 22 Oct. 1690.

The petition referred to, and a certificate of Mr. Harbord. Dated 16 Sept. 1690. The latter showing the several interests affected. 9 *pages.*

Oct. 23. 35. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial annexed, concerning certain Canary wines wrecked on the manor of Seaford, in the county of Suffolk, and claimed by the Earl of Dorset; acquainting their Lordships that they had directed their officers to demand the duties of the wine in question, and in case of refusal to take them into their custody, as agreeable to law and to an Order in Council of 22 Jan. 1685, giving it as their opinion that all "salved goods coming a shoare, as wreck, should remaine in the custody of the officers of the customs until the duties thereof be paid or secured." Dated 23 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"My L^ds do agree with the Com^rs in their report 24^th Oct. 1690.

The memorial and a printed copy of the Order in Council. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 25. 36. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Baily, master of the ship "Imployment" of London, praying for discharge of the vessel and her lading of olive-oil, she being seized for contravening the Navigation Laws, by having seven of her crew foreigners; not objecting thereto upon giving the officer moderate satisfaction. Dated 25 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"My L^ds do concurr with what the Com^rs propose." 28 Oct. 1690.

The petition and six affidavits. 9 *pages or parts of pages.*

Oct. 29. 37. "A memoriall of M^r Hoby, one of the verderers of the New Forest, given in to the Right Honourable the L^ds of the Treasury, concerning the trees marked for sale by the Surveyor Generall & others, Oct^r 29, 1690."

[As to the trees being sold under the value.] 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 31. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of their Majesties' five Patent searchers in the port of London, who complained that one John Fitch, having contracted with the officers of the Ordnance, for building divers works at Jersey, had shipped various materials, but refused to pay their fees; advising that the claim was reasonable, and that it was advisable to have a good understanding between the officers of the Ordnance, Navy, and Victualling, and the officers of the customs, by giving seasonable notices of their intentions of shipping any of the aforesaid stores. Dated 31 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"Fitch must pay the usuall fees, and the offic^rs of the Ordnance, Navy, and Victuall^rs to give notice to the Com^rs [of the] Customs upon these occasions. 31 Oct. 1690.

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Also the petition, a certificate, and a paper entitled, "the case of the 5 Patent searchers," &c., which describes the attempts made to ship goods under the pretence that they were for their Majesties service. 5 *pages and* 2 *half pages.*

Oct. 31. 39. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their Lordships' directions as to whether the five junior landwaiters of the port of London, who had to contribute towards the maintenance of three superannuated landwaiters, (whereby their salaries were reduced to 60*l. per ann.*) might not be comprehended in the exemption from the taxes. Dated 31 Oct. 1690.

Minuted:—"To be allowed for the taxes." 1 *page.*

Oct. 31. 40. "Port [of] Liverpool 31^st^ Oct^ober^ 1690" A list of all y^e^ seamen & mariners within & belonging to ye said port of Leverpool & places adjacent." 3 *pages.*

Oct. and Nov. 41. Petition of Isaac Bonourier and Isaac Gelius, merchants, French Protestants in Dublin, and divers other papers respecting brandy shipped from Falmouth to Dublin Dated Oct. and Nov. 1690. 7 *pages.*

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Nov. 3. 1. "An account of such debts as are due & oweing to mee Fran. Blight of Bodmyn, in the county of Cornwall, to bee assigned unto S^r^ Thomas Duppa Kn^t^ to the King & Queens Ma^ties^ use." Dated 3 November 1690. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 3. 2. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the proposal of John Illing, to sink the office of one of the tide surveyors of the port of London, laying before their Lordships the distribution of the eight tide surveyors in the service of the port to their several stations, which were altered weekly, one relieving another; and stating that to the business of the surveyor for the keys, (which was the office proposed to be sunk) appertained the rummaging and clearing the ships, and the constant command of the night watch upon the keys, &c.; and it could not be performed by one man. The sinking anyone of this order of officers would destroy the whole frame. Dated 3 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

The proposal and the paper contain the distribution of the tide surveyors. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 5. 3. Letter signed T. Done to William Jephson, Esq., enclosing a state of the account of Richard Kent, Esq., of the duty of 4½ *per cent.* from Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, in which he craves an

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allowance to himself and clerks for his charges in passing his accounts; praying for their Lordships directions. Dated 5 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—"10 May, 92, Mr Done to sett forth wt has been allow'd in ye like cases." 2 *pages.*

[About 6 Nov.] 4. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury, by Francis Masters, master of the ship "Fortune" of London, for 162*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, the moiety of what was due to him for freight of provisions carried by him for the use of the army in Ireland. He states he was reduced to great distress and threatened with arrest by his men for their wages. Also certificate from the Transport Office. Dated 6 Nov. 1690. 2 *pages* (*quarto.*)

Nov. 6. 5. A report of the Comrs of the Alienation Office, on the proposals of Mr. Brunskill for the better management of that office, by setting certain rates upon writs of covenant for levying fines, &c., condemning the scheme as impracticable and of no advantage to the Crown. Dated 6 Nov. 1690.

The scheme referred to, headed:—"The Alienation Office case," signed P. Brunskell. 4 *pages, two being very large.*

Nov. 7. 6. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of John Payne, commander of the ship "Benjamin" laden with currants from Zant, praying the discharge of the ship and her lading from seizure, for not being manned exactly as the law directed; not objecting thereto, on giving the officer moderate satisfaction. Dated 7 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—"Graunted." 3½ *pages.*

Accompanied by the petition and an affidavit.

Nov. 11. 7. Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying (by direction of the Council) that their Lordships should order the officers of customs to clear certain ships, in order that they might proceed to the West Indies; the owners or merchants having bought 300 tons of defective provisions of the Comrs for victualling the Navy, with the view of sending them there, as an inducement had promised to carry 70 tons of provisions, freight free, for the supply of the Duke of Bolton's regiment and 50 soldiers, part of those going to recruit that regiment. Dated 11 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—"Graunted." 1⅓ *pages.*

Oct. 30. Nov. 1 and 11. 8. Letter signed Richard Whithed, to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting a sale of timber in the New Forest by Mr. [Philip] Ryley, Surveyor-General of Forests on this side Trent, and Mr. Dickens, high-woodward. Dated 30 Oct. 1690.

A petition of the woodward for 20*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.* to be allowed him, &c.

Minuted:—"Graunted."

Also reasons and objections in the case between Francis Dickens, Esq., petitioner to His Majesty for the office of woodward of the New Forest, and Thomas Dore, gent., then occupier of that office.

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For Mr. Dore it is urged, amongst other things, "That he being early acquainted with his present Maties great and happy designe of rescueing these kingdomes, & by an express from Holland having recd many of His Maties declarations, did carefully disperse the same, and afterwards waited on His Matie in the west, with severall men and horses equipped at his own charge."

Also—

Two letters of the said Philip Ryley, addressed to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Treasury, respecting the wood felled in the New Forest, and respecting complaints made against him and others about a sale of trees in that forest. Dated Nov. 1 and 11. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 14. 9. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captain Francis Godfrey, late customer of the port of Lynn Regis, setting forth that his father held the office of customer there, by grant from King Charles I., which office was confirmed to the petitioner by King Charles II., and renewed by King James II.; but since the Revolution one Robert Thorowgood had possessed himself of the employment; praying to be restored or to be otherwise provided for; informing their Lordships that they saw no cause to remove Mr. Thorowgood, yet they recommended the petitioner for equivalent employment. Dated 14 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—Thorowgood to be continued, but Godfrey to be provided for, when there is a vacancy, 28 Nov. 1690."

The petition, two certificates, and an affidavit that the petitioner had taken the Sacrament, &c. 5 *pages.*

[About Nov. 18.] 10. "Reasons most humbly offered to the Rt Honourble the Lds Commissrs of their Maties Treasury, for continuing the office of a surveyr of the tin blowing houses in the county of Cornwall."

Minuted:—"Mr. Boscawen & Mr. Godolphin desir'd to peruse this paper, & make their observations upon it." 18 Nov. 1690. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 20. 11. Representation of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting an order to them to pay 1,000*l.* per week for the Right Hon. Lord Bellomont for Her Majesty's use, which they conceived was inconsistent with a warrant of the previous 28th of July, would prejudice the credit of the excise, &c. Dated 20 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—"If the persons concerned to receive their moneys are contented to forbear, the Ld Belmont may have his; but the Comrs are to take care that their Maties creditt be not prejudiced thereby." 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 22.] 12. Petition of William Tempest to the Lords of the Treasury praying for the grant of the office of customer in the port of Kingston-upon-Hull, which office Col. Matthew Allured had resigned in his favour.

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Minuted:—"Graunted (so soon as Coll. Allured signifies his consen[t])."

The agreement to resign the office. Dated 22 Nov. 1690. Also a copy of the same. 1 *page* (*quarto*) *and* 2 *halves.*

[About Nov. 24.] 13. Reasons offered by Sir Charles Bickerstaffe for their Majesties buying all sorts of English timber at the first hand.

[There are some curious remarks as to the most desirable time of the year for felling timber and the influence of the soil on the soundness of the timber, &c. amongst which are]:—

"The most knowing persons cannot so well judge of timber (and especially of) plank when it is converted and delivered into their Ma^ties^ stores, as if they viewed the trees ere the defective parts were cutt off, as also the soyle whereon they stand, for the seemingly firme timber of a decayed tree (when converted) may appear good, but is not lasting or fit for the use of the Navy.

"That unlesse their Ma^ties^ are the first buyers, winter fel'd timber will not only be much dearer, but also not easily had, it being against the custome to fell oake timber in winter, altho' that timber is infinitely better for the frames of shipps and tree-nayles, as also for all other timber and planks that cannot be shifted but at very great charge, for the spring season (altho' most usuall for cutting oake timber) is very pernicious to its duration."

And again:—

"That the sodaine decay of the thirty shipps (whereof many have been twice repaired at very great charge) was for want of these methods in providing timber, for very many of those shipps were built with old decayed and spring felled timber, greene from the stubb, and also with very much east country plank, which is generally so perishable that the late Com^rs^ of the Navy durst not buy it, without Order of Councell to justify them."

Minuted:—"To be consider'd when the Admiralty send about it, 24th Nov. 1690." "My L^ds^ to examin these reasous & discourse with the offic^rs^ of the Navy thereupon, 26th Nov. 1690." "Speak with the Com^rs^ on Monday the 1st of Dec^r^ afternoone."

"The Com^rs^ of the Navy to make their observations upon this proposall & report their opinion, 1 Dec^r^ '90." 1 *page.*

Nov. 25. 14. Mr. Shales answers to the two enquiries of the Committee of Parliament for Accompts, &c., respecting the provisioning the army in Ireland, when he was Commissary-General, &c. Dated 25 Nov. 1690. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 25. 15. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to their Lordships' order upon the petition of Mr. Oliver Lyme, controller of the port of Chester, for the appointment of another deputy in the room of Mr. Warburton, &c.; informing their Lordships that Warburton and other officers of the port of Liverpool were under accusation for misdemeanor, and they conceived it necessary that things should remain as they were until the examination were over; further that the residence of Mr. Lyme at Liverpool, and his intermeddling with the business

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was very inconvenient and dangerous to the service, and moving that he be peremptorily forbidden to do so. Dated 25 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to, till the matter of the accusation be determined." 13 Dec. '90. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 25. 16. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Patrickson, Esq., who prayed that the office of searcher of customs in the port of Carlisle, Whitehaven, and members, then held by Nehemiah Williamson (who had not taken the oaths according to law, and had committed several misdemeanors), might be conferred upon him; testifying to the scandalous reputation, &c. of the said Williamson and that he was unfit to be continued in the King's service. Dated 25 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—"Upon the petition of Mr. Williamson the Com^rs^ of Customs are to hear him & report. 5 Dec. 1690."

Accompanied by the petition referred to and a certificate of his unfitness. 1 *page and* 3 *halves.*

Nov. 28. 17. List of mariners and seafaring men inhabiting in the city of Chester; together with their ages.

Similar list in Mostyn and Flint and towns adjacent.

Similar account from the officer of Denwall.

"An accompt of the ships and seafaring men belonging to Chester water, now at home at Neston Key, the Park gate near adjoining, or else abroad, together with their names, abodes, [and] ages."

Also "the names of other seafaring men not employed in the ships aforenamed, but either lying at home or employed in other ships;" viz., in the several towns in the hundred of Wereall.

Accompanied by the warrant from the Mayor to the constables of the several wards of the city of Chester, to give their assistance in making lists of seafaring men in that city. Dated between 17 and 28 Nov. 1690. 11 *pages.*

Nov. 28. 18. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Lofting, of London, merchant, stating that iron wire was absolutely necessary for making the petitioner's engines for extinguishing fire, and in ignorance he had imported a small parcel of wire, &c., which was seized and appraised at 67*l.* 18*s.*, not objecting to the remission of His Majesty's share as prayed, or any part of it. Dated 28 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—"For the King. Graunted 3 Dec. 1690."

The petition and an affidavit by the petitioner. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 19. Report of Lord Ranelagh on the petition of Sir Thomas Ogle, Governor of the Royal Hospital near Chelsea, in favour of allowing the petitioner for his table at the Hospital. Dated 29 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—"To be consider'd when the Hospitall is settled. 13 Dec. '90."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 1. 20. A paper containing—"Payments made for land & sea services in part of the expense from 5 Nov. 1688 to 1 Dec. 1690 incl. As well out of new ayds as out of their M^ts revenues," &c. (No. 4).
[No doubt an enclosure.] 1 *large page.*

Dec. 2. 21. Report of Charles Fox, Esq. [? Paymaster General] on an extract of the Earl of Warrington's petition, and on an account annexed, respecting the clothing of a regiment of horse, under his command, and the pay of the officers. Dated 2 Dec. 1690.
Minuted:—"Mr. Fox to lay this before His Ma^tie in his memoriall. 13th Dec^r '90." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 22. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Randall and George Griffith, of Cork in Ireland, merchants, stating that they had suffered much as Protestants in Ireland from the Papists, and that they had freighted two ships to Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands with provisions; that they had considerable effects in the West Indies and ordered them to be remitted to England, and their correspondents [at Antigua] gave bond (as usual) for the barques to deliver their cargos of 80,431 pounds of leaf tobacco in England; but the masters called in Ireland, in April, for orders as to what part of England they should proceed, and were stopped by the late King James' order; otherwise they would have proceeded to England, paid the customs, and discharged their bonds; but being prevented, the petitioners thought of the expedient of paying double the sum, viz. 335*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.* into the hands of the Bishop of Cork and his official, to be distributed for the support of the poor distressed Protestant subjects about Cork, amounting to a penny a pound for the tobacco; praying the discharge of the bonds. The Com^rs confirm the petitioners' statement, and further say that they have nothing to object to the bonds being vacated. Dated 4 Dec. 1690.
Minuted:—"In consideration of the extraordinariness of the case, my L^ds do graunt the request that the bonds be deliver'd up. 16^th Dec^r 1690."
Accompanied by the petition and a certificate of the Bishop of Ross and his Vicar General as to the reception and distribution of the said sum. 6 *pages.*

Dec. 9. 23. Letter signed "W. Carter," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the prosecution of smugglers, &c., and the arrears on his account. He states that he had no manner of recompence for upwards of 20 years' labour, pains, and hazard of his life. Dated 9 Dec. 1690.
On the fly leaf is a letter from him commencing "My Lords," stating that he had received an account from Kent that there were three French sloops on our coast, which landed 50 men, who assisted the owlers, so that they loaded 70 packs of wool that night. One was taken and another run on shore on the French coast, &c. *pages.*

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Dec. 9. 24. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that three fourths of the customs and other duties were set apart for a fund of credit for loans; and moving their Lordships that the one fourth part remaining unappropriated, should be applied to the payment (1st) of the "London Established Quarter Book," and for such incidents and imprests as were necessary, (2nd) of the Patent officer's salary, and (3rd), of such sums as should be directed by particular warrants from their Lordships. Dated 9 Dec. 1690.
Minuted:—"Agreed to." 1 *page.*

Dec. 10. 25. Letter of William Carter to William Jephson, Esq., praying his favourable assistance, that it might be laid before their Lordships and the King, that he should be empowered to go down speedily and privately to Kent, as he presumed in a few weeks, to put a stop to the mischief still continued between France and Romney Marsh, and further that he might have an order for money already disbursed. Dated 10 Dec. 1690. 1 *page.*

Dec. 12. 26. Letter of William Carter to William Jephson, Esq., praying to receive directions, and a supply to go down immediatedly to pursue the late discovery at Lidd, and prevent the like attempt in the dark nights of the next week. He was that morning informed by one from Dover, that the vessel lately brought in there, with wool, belonged to that town, but was manned with Frenchmen, and that one of the owlers wounded at Lidd was dead of his wounds; but they were no way discouraged. Dated 12 Dec. 1690. 1 *page.*

Dec. 15. 27. Report to the Lords of the Treasury, signed, "Phil. Ryley, Supervis, Gen^lis Trent South," made on the petition of Sir Wm. Morley, Knight of the Bath, master keeper of the East Walk, in Bier [or Bere] Forest, in the county of Southampton; touching the proposed rebuilding of a kitchen, stable, and outhouse, belonging to the lodge, burnt down anno 1687. Dated 15 Dec. 1690.
Minuted:—"There is not sufficient on the forest to doe it. 16 Dec. '90."
The petition and a certificate relating thereto. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 15. 28. Recommendation by the Commissioners of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, of Mr. William Merriott, as deputy customer of the port of Bristol. Dated 15 Dec. 1690.
Minuted:—"Agreed to." ½ *page.*

Dec. 18. 29. Copy of orders for relief from payment of duties of excise, in favour of Ralph Bucknall, Esq., Sir John Freind, and Mr. Edward Godfrey, brewers. Dated 18 Dec. 1690.
[An enclosure marked No. 13.] 1 *page.*

Dec. 18. 30. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on an Order of Council made on a petition of Mr. Carter, relating to the exportation of wool and the imports of prohibited goods;

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his demands being for—1st, the assistance of four men with horses, for four months, at 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* each; 2nd, for the use of a fifth-rate frigate, for the like time, to cruise upon the coast, between Dover and Beachy Head; 3rd, the assistance of the officers of the customs; 4th, protections from frivolous arrests; and, 5th, the payment of about 400*l.*, being, as he said, the balance of his account; in favour of the first four requests, and stating they knew no more on the last subject than was in their report of 18 Nov. 1689; further that when the two sloops established to cruise on that coast were withdrawn, by reason of privateers, a land guard of eight men with horses was established at 60*l. per ann.:* leaving it to their Lordships whether they would make the experiment of the further charge proposed. Dated 18 Dec. 1690.

Minuted :—"My L^ds have appointed persons at certain salaries for this service, as M^r Carter desired; and do not think fitt to allow anything further to M^r Carter. 20^th Jan^ry 1690–1."

The copy of the Order in Council, the petition, and a paper more at length on the same subject, another copy of the above report, and a letter dated 13 Jan. 1690, from him to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that discouragement was thrown in his way, when he had spent his time freely, and hazarded his life often, and had never received any recompence, but was still spending his money daily. 3 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Dec. 18. 31. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, reminding them of their previous presentment of the 3rd of Jan. 1689–90, (a copy of which and a memorial of Mr. Lytcott, controller general, they enclosed,) praying that a privy seal might pass to discharge the collectors mentioned in the memorial of several sums. The sums were paid by the collectors of customs of Falmouth and Barnstaple for the service of the Prince of Orange (then King). Dated 18 Dec. 1690.

Minuted :—"R. to M^r Lownds, to report what he thinks fitt to be done herein. 22^th December '90. 6 *leaves.*

Dec. 19. 32. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to Mr. Jephson, offering their observations upon the reasons presented by Sir Charles Bickerstaff, for their Majesties buying all sorts of English timber at the first hand, and giving their opinion thereon. Dated 19 Dec. 1690. 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 21. 33. Letter of John Bowles addressed to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had their Majesties' commission on 7 Oct. last, to re-measure all ships and vessels taken into their service, by the principal officers of the Ordnance, the Navy, the Victualling and the Transport Commissioners for Ireland, and had engaged two assistants; whereupon all the above officers, except the Lieutenant-General and principal officers of the Ordnance, had readily complied as the commission directed, but notwithstanding he had set forth the great errors and mistakes of their measures, and the imposition put by them on so honourable a Board, yet the masters were encouraged in that they should be

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paid by such measurement as had been made, which hindered the measurement of other vessels, &c. Enclosing an abstract of how far he had proceeded; praying their Lordships to give such directions to the officers of the Ordnance, as that the just execution of the commission might not be impeded. Dated 21 Dec. 1690.

Minuted:—"No more money to be payd to any of s^d^ shipps, till, remeasur'd."

Also, two accounts of what ships had been remeasured, and the copy of the commission referred to. 9 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 34. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the Patent writers and their deputies, stating that the grants by which they hold their office were not with the commissioners, and they had not obtained a sight of them all; but they presented a list of the principals and the persons appointed to act for them; giving their Lordships an account of how they had proceeded in regard to those deputies, and leaving it to them to grant their approbation. Dated 22 Dec. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also, the list. 1¾ *pages.*

Dec. 24. 35. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the petition of several colonels, in behalf of themselves and officers, who had been during the last year in their Majesties' service in Flanders; respecting the levy money for the recruits, stating that it appeared that 1,511 men were mustered in Holland by the Dutch commissary as recruits to the several regiments, and the musters were taken as the men landed, between Jan. 1689 and 1 May 1690, and that the King had not allowed any levy money to the colonels of those regiments for the raising recruits. Dated 24 Dec. 1690.

Minuted:—"Respited till his Ma^ties^ returne." 29 April '91.

The petition and an abstract of the number of recruits and two other papers, showing who were wanting of the recruits. 5 *pages.*

Dec. 24. 36. Letter from Sir Charles Hedges, without address, but most likely to the Secretary of the Treasury, asking him to move Lord Godolphin for a letter to the Principal Commissioner for Prizes, to know whether they had any money in their hands to satisfy him for what the King had ordered for his reports and attendances. Dated 24 Dec. 1690. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Dec. 25. 37. Memorandum respecting a legacy of 500*l.* left by Margaret Leigh, of Westwood, co. Southampton, spinster, to Edward Lord Griffin, and forfeited by him for treason; but granted by the King to Edward Leigh, Esq., brother of the testatrix and residuary legatee. Dated Christmas Day 1690. ¼ *page.*

Dec. 31. 38. Report, signed "W. Harberd, supervisor," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the state of the manor of Rygate, in Surrey, the moiety of which was proposed, in June 1685, to be purchased from Dean Goodwyn, Esq. (the other half being already

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in the Crown), which was thought in the year 1686 to be worth 4,400*l.*, and was conveyed to the King on 11 May 1687. Dated 31 Dec. 1690.

With an order at the end, signed Godolphin, to Mr. Surveyor-General, to send to the Auditor for a particular of the manor; and to rate it according to the report, in order to a grant being made of it to the Earl of Monmouth.

Minuted:—"A particular to be rated." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 39. Report of the same to the same, stating that he had considered the copy of a bill sent him, prepared to be passed in Parliament, for making void a grant of the honour and manor of Tudbury and forest of Needwood, in the counties of Derby, Stafford, Leicester, Nottingham, and Warwick, granted to Rupert Brown and Saml. Boherne, gent. (in trust for and by the procurement of Edward Vernon, Esq.), under the seal of the duchy of Lancaster, dated 21 Nov. 1683, in consideration of 7,000*l.* in money, and a release and grant of the land upon which the fort of Sheerness was built; that thereupon the timber and soil were valued, and they together would amount to 63,611*l.*: he had given his opinion that, for various reasons, the property ought not to be alienated; a bill in Chancery having been brought in and heard, it was decreed that the grant should be surrendered and cancelled. Mr. Brown confessed that he had received back the 7,000*l.* consideration money, but the grant was not surrendered, Mr. Brown alleging that he lent Col. Vernon a further sum of 3,300*l.*, which he expected should be repaid with interest from 4 Feb. 1683, before the grant was made void. It was further resolved that the principal and interest should be satisfied, amounting to 4,669*l.* The report afterwards expresses the opinion, that it was unadvisable that timber to that value should be cut down in the forest referred to, and that some better way might be found for satisfying Mr. Brown's demands. Dated 31 Dec. 1690.

Sir Geo. Treby also joins him in expressing the same opinion.

Also the copy of "An Act for makeing void certaine letters patents." 7 *pages.*

40. An account of the costs of the army, marked "N° 3," entitled "The effective pay allowed to each regiment, troop, and company in His Majesties' service, from 5th November 1688, to 31st December 1690; computed by the respective establishments, for such time as each regiment, troop, and company was actually in pay & no longer." 4 *pages.*

[About 1690.] 41. Schedule of various sums due for clothing, which William Vanbrugh, agent, prayed their Lordships to order to be settled on the Act for 2*s.* in the pound, as had been done in like cases. Without date, but payments referred to in 1689.

Docquetted:—"Mr. Vanbrough's memorial for my Lord Lovelace's regiment.

Minuted:—"For all but the 328 li. 11.3 (w^{ch} is to be respited) he may have it on the remainder of the 2^{s}." 1 *page.*

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1690. [End of 1690.] 42. Petition of Sir John Mordaunt, Knt., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had obtained an Order of Council for 50*l.* out of the arrears of pay due to Capt. Talbot, late of Tangier, deceased, and had further obtained a report from Mr. William Hewer, paymaster for the affairs of Tangier, on the same subject; praying their Lordships to order the petitioner the 50*l.*, with his charges, out of the arrears then in the treasury.

Also the report. Dated 24 Nov. 1690.

Minuted:—"Respited till there be money to appoint to Talbot." 2½ *pages.*

1690. 43. A paper, headed, "Necessaries de termino Sancti Michaelis anno regni Gulielmi & Mariæ Regis & Reginæ, 2^do^ an^o^ dom. 1690."

The articles are chiefly stationery. *One long page.*

[About 1690.] 44. Petition of Ann Thomas, widow of Capt. Gilbert Thomas, deceased, late Provost Marshal General of their Majesties' forces, showing that her husband had raised a troop of 24 men and horses, and clothed and equipped them, at the cost of 1,000*l.*, and then went for Ireland with the Duke of Schomberg, where he remained not above four months, and was killed at the camp at Dundalk, leaving the petitioner to pay various of his debts: praying the payment of the 1,000*l.*, or for a yearly pension, as she and her family were utterly ruined.

Also a copy of the order to raise the men. 1½ *sheets.*

[About 1690.] 45. Petition of Christopher Jenney, clerk, showing, "That at the siege of Londonderry he was both captain and chaplain in Coll. Monroe's regiment, afterwards by His Ma^ty^ established in both these posts, as capt^t^ and chaplain reform'd:" and "that in the list lately made up for the London officers, he is inserted only as capt." Praying "he may be paid as chaplain also, to enable him to return into Ireland." Undated: warrants for the establishment mentioned were dated in September and February 1689–90.

Minuted:—"It cannot be don." 1 *page and a little piece.*

[About 1690.] 46. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury of Ventris Favell, stating it as his opinion, that it is the duty of every loyal subject, "especially when the nation is so beset with Irish, French, and domestic enemies," to contrive something serviceable; and especially to advance money, "which is the oyle that makes all the wheels off warr to move vigourously:" proposing a tax of 5*s.* a head on all beefs, and 6*d.* a head on smaller cattle. Without date, but about 1690, by mention of a tax on beer [which was passed in 1689]. 1 *sheet.*

[About 1690.] 47. "Observations on the proposall for a duty on cattle."

It is stated that London and its suburbs, Westminster, &c., contain at least one-fifth of the whole people of England, and that they consume as much flesh meat as the other four-fifths. Undated, but about 1690, by comparison with the last paper. 1 *page.*

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[About 1690.] 48. Petition of Charles Parry, gent., to the Com^rs for executing the office of Master of the Horse, praying to be sworn in to the office of guide and surveyor of ways; which office had been assigned to him by Andrew Lawrence, Esq.

Also a certificate of the clerk of the Petty Bag Office, that the commission to enquire respecting Andrew Lawrence's patent, and the inquisition thereon, are filed in that office. Dated 26 April 1690. 2 *pages.*

[? 1690.] 49. Report of Charles Fox [Esq.], to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the accounts for the clothing of Lord Lovelace's regiment. Undated, but from entries about the year 1690. 2 *pages.*

1690. 50. "Accompt [of] what is due to the severall keepers & rangers for theare yeares wagges, & gratuteys given them for some yeares past, to Lady Day last past, 1690: as alsoe what I have disbursed for last yeare." The forest not named, but Eliab Harvey was the person accounting, and Sir Humphrey Gower was keeper. 1 *large page.*

[? About 1690, or a little later.] 51. Petition of Thomas Southwell, Bart., to the King, showing that soon after the landing of the King in England, he raised and maintained in Limerick, where his estate and interest lay, 100 horse; that he attempted to break through the enemy and reach Inniskillin, or Londonderry, which held out; that he and his party were overpowered, tried, condemned, and imprisoned 15 months in gaol at Galway; that for the support of 190 prisoners he borrowed 500*l.* from some Protestants, &c.; that they were ordered by the Earl of Clanricard to prepare for death, and kept in expectation of it for four days; but the Earl of Seafort took compassion on him, and carried him to Scotland on 1 May 1690; and that he drew the Earl to the King's party, and so disappointed the enemy of 3,000 of his clan. Praying for the payment of the debt of 500*l.* 1½ *pages.*

1688–90. 52. Memoranda of the pay due to Major Macarty in 1688, and letter of attorney appointing Isaac Bobin, of London, merchant, to receive certain moneys. Dated 1688 and 1690. 5 *pages, or parts of pages.*

[About 1690, or later.] 53. Petition of Thomas Balderston, late agent to the Second Marine Regiment, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, for their Lordships' order to Mr. Harnage, to pay him 355*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*, for quarters, which sum he had paid for the First Marine Regiment in 1689 and 1690. 1 *page.*

[About 1690, or 1691.] 54. Petition of John Peirson, of Malton, in the co. of York, gent., praying that his case might be so represented to their Majesties, that he might not lose his debt by the seizure of Lord

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1690. Preston's estate. Without date. [Lord Preston engaged in a plot at the end of the year 1690.]

Minuted:—"Referred to Mr. Aaron Smith." 1 *page, partly gnawed away by vermin.*

[?1689 or 1690.] 55. Petition of Henry Clerk, Lieutenant-Colonel, to the Lords of "their Majesties'" Treasury, showing that his father and grandfather had suffered by the wars in the reign of King Charles the First and Second, and that he was dismissed from his office of Clerk of the Entries in the Alienation Office, and from being Deputy Lieutenant, Lieutenant-Colonel, and Justice of the Peace for Wilts, for adhering to the test laws in the reign of King James II., and that he and his servants had served the present King in arms, on his landing in the west, and then signed the "Association." Praying to be restored to his office.

Minuted:—"Graunted."

Undated; but perhaps 1689 or 1690. The "Association" referred to was signed [?Nov.] 1688. See Introduction to *Rapin*, vol. III. p. xxii. 1 *page.*

[About 1690.] 56. Petition of John Gore and others, praying their Lordships to order Mr. Wallis, the agent to a regiment formerly under the command of Sir Edw. Hales, and then commanded by Col. Beveridge, to deliver to them certain tallies for their debt of 511*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*, for goods supplied to the regiment.

"Referred to my Lord Ranelagh." Undated, but about 1690, Mr. Wallis was then agent to that regiment. See *Letter Book*, 25 Aug. 1690, vol. VI. p. 349. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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1690–1. Jan. 2. 1. A brief letter of Sir C. Bickerstaffe to William Jephson, Esq., respecting provision of timber for the Navy. Dated 2 Jan. 1690. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About Jan. 6.] 2. Petition of Thomas Anderson, Provost of the Corporation of Moniers of the Mint, showing that he was put in possession of the tools and engines for rounding and marking moneys with letters and grainings, and had taken the oath to keep the secret thereof; praying for an allowance out of the Act for the encouragement of coinage.

Minuted:—"To have 200^{li} per an., & out of that to keep all the tools & engins in good & sufficient repair. 6 Jan^{ry} 1690–1." 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 9.] 3. Petition of William Thomas to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was employed by the Hon. Mr. Isaac to take care of

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the provisions sent on board the "Welcome" "dogger," and all other provisions to be carried by sea, for the service of the King's household, in his expedition into Ireland; praying for their Lordships' order for the delivery of the goods at Whitehall, the vessel having returned with the remains of the provisions to the port of London.

A list of the provisions.

Minuted:—"They must pay custom for them according to His Mat^ies comands. 9 Jan. 1690–1." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 10. 4. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring them to furnish moneys for the payment of the quarters for the soldiers of the marine regiments, who were about to go on board ship. Dated 10 Jan. 1690.

On the dorse:—"For the King." 1 *page.*

Jan. 10. 5. Petition of Major Anthony Pollard and Captain Humphry Okeover, showing that the former was a captain of horse under King Charles I., until the "rendition" of Oxford, and was likewise in all the risings for the restoration of King Charles II., that he was imprisoned, &c., and lost 5,000*l.* and more; that he was Major of Windsor Castle for 20 years; and having served the Crown for 45 years King Charles the Second gave him a pension of 4*s.* a day. Also showing the services of the said Okeover, who had lost 4,000*l.* in the Royal service, and had had 2*s.* a day settled on him; praying to be put on the establishment as they were in the reign of King Charles II.

On the back is the order of the King in Council, referring the matter to the Treasury. Dated 10 Jan. 1690.

United are copies of three certificates and a copy of Mr. Pollard's petition to King Charles II., &c.

Minuted:—"There can be no increase of pension till His Mat^ies return. 29^th Jan^ry." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 10. 6. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury upon a memorial concerning certain money and plate, to the value of 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.* on board the ship "Effingham" from Virginia, shipped from thence upon the account of Lord Effingham, late Governor of that colony, the ownership of which was contested by Captain Davies and others, who had seized the plate, &c. as the goods of pirates. Dated 10 Jan. 1690.

Also the memorial.

Minuted:—"The goods to be taken into the King's warehouse till the right be determined." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 12 7. Letter signed Jno. Sansom to William Jephson, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from Mr. Trotter, the collector of Swansey, to the Com^rs of Customs, complaining that the Mayor of Monmouth not only refused to assist the officers of the Customs in collecting the names of the seamen in that town, but

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also denied them permission so to do, so that there was no account of seamen returned from that place. Dated 12 Jan. 1690.

Also the letter, *endorsed*:—" For the Councill." 2 *half-pages.*

Jan. 14. 8. " The Earle of Bathes Memoriall for the Right Hon^ble^ the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, concerning S^t^ Jamess' Park," approving the inclosed report of Mr. Harbord respecting the offices held by the said Earl, who was Chief Ranger and Keeper of St. James Park, together with housekeeper of the palace of St. James. Dated 14 Jan. 1690. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 14. 9. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the petition of the importers of mum, giving as their opinion that the encouragement of the petitioners in what they requested during the continuance of the double duty, would not prejudice the consumption of beer and ale, and possibly would be an advantage to the revenue.

[They prayed to be allowed to pay on 36 gallons to the barrel, and the barrel contained 39½ gallons.] Dated 14 Jan. 1690.

Minuted:—" Agreed to 20^th^ Jan. 1690–1."

Accompanied by the petition and two other papers. 3 *pages and a few lines.*

Jan. 15. 10. Copy of an order of reference by the King in Council on 15 Jan. 1690, respecting the petition of John Freeman. The petition was for 50*l.* disbursed in keeping horses taken from Roman Catholics. 1 *page.*

Jan. 15. 11. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland, on the petition of Matthew Aylmer, Esq., enclosing a report made to them by the Com^rs^ of Revenue for Ireland, which contains a further enclosure of the report of the Clerk of the Quit Rents, showing the lands forfeited by Sir Gerald Aylmer in Ireland, of which the petitioner Matthew Aylmer, who was brother to Sir Gerald, was anxious to obtain the grant. Dated 15 Jan. 1690.

Also the petition referred to.

The report minuted thus:—" The King will make no grant of any of these forfeitures at present. 27 Apr. '91." 4 *pages.*

Jan. 16. 12. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them a letter dated 11 Oct. 1690, received from the Com^rs^ of Revenue in Ireland, with a certificate enclosed from Mr. Christopher Carleton, collector of the port of Belfast, and an order of Duke Schomberg, touching the ship " William and John" of Belfast, which arrived there at the end of Aug. 1689, laden with tobacco from Virginia, by which order it was said the merchants were encouraged to discharge their tobacco at the port of Belfast, advising the acceptance of the ½*d. per lb.* deposited with the collector of the port, amounting to 300*l.*, in lieu of the duties which would have been paid if the tobacco had been imported to England, and afterwards exported by debenture ; also asking that

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the Com^rs of Revenue for Ireland might be reminded of the Acts of Parliament touching plantation commodities. Dated 16 Jan. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the three enclosures mentioned. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Jan. 17. 13. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Capt. Walter Vincent, on behalf of himself and other officers in the regiment, late Col. Francis Luttrell's, as to a debt due to the tradesmen who supplied that regiment. Dated 17 Jan. 1690.

Minuted:—"To be consider'd when the tallyes are appointed to be struck for the army."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 21. 14. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Tathwell, master of a brigantine from Jamaica, lately arrived at Bristol, praying for licence to return thither, where he and his crew might be wanted to defend that island against the French, advising that they should be "indulged." Dated 21 Jan. 1690.

[The report further states "that upon taking of St. Christophers, most or all the French were sent down to the French settlement in Hispaniola, which is such an addition to their strength that the inhabitants of Jamaica are in feare of receiving great mischiefs from them, and therefore are the more desirous that the said brigantine and men should returne home to assist in the defence of the said island."]

Accompanied by the petition.

Endorsed:—"For the Councill." 2½ *pages.*

[About Jan. 21.] 15. Lists of the seafaring men returned by the justices of the peace for the county of Middlesex and city and liberties of Westminster, subdivided under the following districts:—

St. Paul's, Shadwell.

St. Mary's, Whitechapel.

The city and liberty of Westminster.

Poplar and Blackwall, and

The hamlet of Wapping, Whitechapel.

Also for Hornsey, St. Botolph's Aldersgate, Stoke Newington, Friern Barnet and Finchley, St. Sepulchre, and in Drury Lane division of St. Giles's-in-the-Fields.

The lists show the ages of the men who were at home, who were at sea, and who in their Majesties' service; and that for Shadwell was drawn out 21 Jan. 1690–1.

Similar lists for the city of London; the lathe of Sutton-at-Hone, in the county of Kent; Maidstone and the south division of the lathe of Aylesford, and for the county of Surrey. 191 *pages and* 5 *pieces in two parchment covers.*

Jan. 22. 16. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Oliver Lyme, comptroller of the port of Chester, respecting a charge of misdemeanor made against

1690–1. Mr. Warburton and other officers of the port of Liverpool. Dated 22 Jan. 1690.

With two enclosures.

Minuted:—" My L^{ds} do agree to the Presentm^{t} of the 25th Nov^{r}, & that Warburton be continued." 6 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 17. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the merchants of the port of Wells, advising the remission of the duty on certain salt, contained in ships fitted out to fish on the coast of Iceland (the salt being taken on board in Scotland), four of which ships were taken by a French privateer, and the masters of them carried to Dunkirk, and the ships retaken by a Dutch man-of-war, and carried into Holland, and afterwards brought to England. Dated 23 Jan. 1690.

Minuted:—" Agreed to."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 18. Letter signed P. Brunskell, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that some of their Lordships' clerks had told his landlord and other of his creditors that their Lordships did not intend to do anything for him; the lawyers "possessed" his creditors that his petition and proposals in Parliament would not protect him, he had told their Lordships that he had lost all, and contracted debts in the discovery of ministers' and officers' corruptions. The reports of the Barons of the Exchequer and the votes of Parliament showed him to be a fit object for bounty. He was informed it was the King's pleasure to restore him to the office of Surveyor of the Greenwax Fines and to the Commissioner's place in the Alienation Office. If their Lordships would not do anything for him it would be a kindness to let him know it, that he might hide himself till Parliament met. The charity of friends was all he had to supply him, and that was quite grown cold. He reminded their Lordships that "*Qui cito dat bis dat,*" and that "necessity admitted not of manners or delay." Dated 23 Jan. 1690–91. 1 *page.*

Jan. 24. 19. Report of Lord Ranelagh, on the petition of divers innkeepers and inhabitants of Abingdon, for payment due to them for quarters for the late regiment of Scots Horse, Sir John Fenwick's late regiment, and the Earl of Oxford's regiment. Dated 24 Jan. 1690.

With an enclosure.

The last three items in the report are *minuted thus:*—"Agreed to," "Move His Ma^{tie}," and "Mr. Fox to pay." 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 27. 20. Letter of Mr. Jephson addressed to Lord Ranelagh, sending, by order of their Lordships, the petition of Theophilus Allen, surgeon-major to Col. Lutterel's regiment, for his consideration and report thereon. Dated 27 Jan. 1690.

Minuted:—" Respited till His Maj^{ts} return." ½ *page.*

Jan. 29. 21. Order in Council, dated 29 January 1690, referring the following report to the Lords of the Treasury:—

Report of Sir George Treby, Attorney-General, to the King (or rather "Your Majesty"), finding that one Thomas Griffith in the

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petition mentioned, lately commenced an action against [John Ward, Esq., one of the justices of the peace for Middlesex and the city and liberty of Westminster] for the horses and arms mentioned in the petition, and recovered 54*l.* damages and costs; but the action was grounded upon a warrant for the seizure of the horses and arms of Papists, Thomas Griffiths being a reputed Papist; advising the King to extend his favour to the petitioner. Dated 21 Jan. 1690-1.

Accompanied by a copy of the petition of the said John Ward, Esq., one of the justices for Middlesex and the city and liberty of Westminster, praying relief from the effects of the action referred to, as he had been obliged to pay 45*l.*, the value of the horses.

Minuted:—"My L^ds agree to M^r Attorney's report." 2 *pages.*

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Feb. 3. 1. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury concerning the right by the officers of customs to search ships of war, which right was resisted by commanders of such vessels, and more particularly at the port of Bristol, Capt Audley, commander of the "Smyrna" frigate, refused to allow the officers to visit the ship, moving their Lordships to issue directions on the subject. Dated 3 Feb. 1690.

Minuted:—"A letter to Mr. Southerne (reciting this presentment) to desire the L^ds of the Admiralty to give orders that all shipps of warr may be visited by the custom-house offic^rs. 31^th March 1691." 1 *page.*

Feb. 4. 2. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of William Smith, who was dismissed for fraud and collusion, in the seizure of tobacco stalks, imported from Holland, and then lay in prison, still owing 127*l.* 19*s.* 2½*d.*, recommending that he give a new judgment to their Majesties for that sum, with a release of errors, and covenant not to bring any writ of error, and that then he might be enlarged from prison. Dated 4 Feb. 1690.

Minuted:—"Ordered to be don according as Mr. Smith proposes. 9th Febr. 1690–1."

"The Com^rs of the Customs to discharg the petitioner & take a new bond. 13 Febr. 1690–1."

The Com^rs of Customs' report on the case, the petition, and two other papers. 3 *pages* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 4. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Mr. William Bateman and other merchants of London, concerned in the ship "Arabella," recommending that they

1690-1. be discharged from the Aliens duties, "in regard the surplusage of men were only taken in for her defence at this time of warr." Dated 4 Feb. 1690.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"Agreed to." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 4. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Samuel Groome, merchant, and owner of the ship "Ruth" of London, praying to be allowed to change the same ship for another belonging to him for his trade to Virginia, stating that they have nothing to object. Dated 4 Feb. 1690.

Endorsed:—"For the Councill."

The said petition and another enclosure. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 6. 5. Report of Lord Ranelagh on the petition of Theophilus Allen, formerly surgeon-major in Colonel Lutterel's regiment, addressed to the Queen, which stated that he had supplied two chests of medicines for the King's service in the year 1689 to the value of 88*l.* 8*s.*; that he was a poor refugee put out of his commission by Col. Lutterel, without knowing the reason, and that he was in danger of arrest; praying that he might be paid, confirming his demands. Dated 6 Feb. 1690–1.

Another petition to the same effect, referred to the Lords of the Treasury by Order in Council 13 June 1691.

Also petition in French to the same effect, with an additional clause praying for half the amount, if the whole cannot be paid him at once.

A further petition of the said Theophilus praying for "une pantion ou gratification." (*In French.*)

Copy of the report of Lord Ranelagh in his favour, and a paper setting forth his services to the King's cause. (*In French.*) 7 *pages.*

Feb. 6. 6. Petition of Henry Keales, addressed to the Queen, showing that he was very instrumental in detecting the late conspiracy to dethrone His Majesty; praying to be appointed a kings-waiter or land-waiter in the port of London.

Minuted:—"Speak with the Com^rs of the Customs 6^th Febr. 1690–1. Recommended to the Com^rs of the Customs to be presented to the first vacancy of a place that they find him qualified for. 9 Feb. 1690–1." 1 *page.*

Feb. 10. 7. Copy of writ to the Sheriff of London commanding him to take John, Earl of Melfort, late of London, outlawed for high treason on 10 Feb., in the first year of the reign, and to make inquisition on his goods and chattels.

The inquisition taken thereon, and an inventory of the goods and chattels, amongst which is a collection of paintings, amounting to 813*l.* value. Dated 10 Feb. 1690.

[John, Earl of Melfort, was secretary to King James II.] 21 *pages.*

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Feb. 11. 8. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury enclosing a copy of a representation received from the Com^rs of Victualling the Navy as to the necessity of a supply of money for that service. Dated 11 Feb. 1690.
The copy referred to. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 16. 9. Letter signed "B. Tonstall" and "Kath. Tonstall," addressed to Mr. Jephson, concerning some matter in controversy between them and Mr. Williamson, which they were anxious to have heard before the Lords of the Treasury. With a postscript urging the impropriety of the case being heard before the Com^rs of Customs.
Minuted:—"To be consider'd when M^r Will^sons report comes from the Custom House. 16 Febr. 1690–1." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Feb. 16. 10. Memorial of Jean Gasper Stein, secretary [of the Danish forces] stating that he had done his best to induce the tradesmen to be contented with their Lordships' word, and that of Mr. Blathwayt, but they would not deliver their goods without the tallies; the supply of clothing necessary for the troops in Ireland gave him uneasiness, as by the least delay the services of the King would be hindered, contrary to the inclination of the Duke of Wirtemburg. (*French.*) Dated 16 Feb. 1691.
Accompanied by another letter on the same subject. Dated 10 Feb. 1690–91. 2 *pages.*

[About Feb. 18.] 11. Petition of John Kynvin, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had lost to the value of 1,000*l.* by the resolution of King Charles II. in quitting Tangier, and that he was appointed a landing-waiter in the port of London, as a compensation, by patent, dated 19 Aug. 1686; praying to be allowed to resign the office to Thomas Wells, gent., who was well qualified for the station.
Minuted:—"He shall resign, provided it be to a person that the Com^rs of the Customs shall approve, capable of acting himselfe, or that he will allow 20^li *per ann.* to such deputy as shall be approved of by this Board." 18 Feb. 1690–1. 1 *page.*

Feb. 18. 12. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Abram Hubert, of the island of Jersey, relating to a parcel of brandy imported from Jersey, which he was desirous of being allowed to sell to prevent loss, having shipped the same in ignorance that there was a duty of 8*s.* a gallon lately laid on it. Dated 18 Feb. 1690.
The petition, and four other enclosures, one of which is the Com^rs of Customs' report thereon.
Minuted:—"They may carry the brandy back again if the Com^rs of the Excise have no objection to it." 10 Feb. 1690–1. 7 *pages.*

Feb. 19. 13. Order of the Queen in Council on a report, founded on the petition of Sir Polycarpus Wharton, Bart., to have money imprested to him to carry on the powder works at Chilworth. Dated 19 Feb. 1690.

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The petition referred to and report of certain officers of the Ordnance.

Also another petition from him respecting arrears of near 3,000*l.*, due from the Ordnance, with an enclosure, showing that materials for making powder can only be provided in the months of February, March, and April. 6 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 14. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the "Lords Commission^rs^ of their Maj^ties^ Revenue* of Excise," stating that they had received a complaint from the officers of excise for the town of Bedford, that the Mayor and justices had suppressed 16 victuallers in that town and parts adjacent, which matter was afterwards heard before the King in Council, and orders given that such as had kept orderly houses should have their licences restored; notwithstanding which the Mayor and justices rejected them all but one of the most inconsiderable, to the detriment of the excise. Dated 20 Feb. 1690–91.

Also two enclosures. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 15. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had re-considered the salary bill, which they had formerly presented their Lordships for the officers of the hearth money, and found no cause to alter it, and drawing attention to the bill therewith presented respecting salaries of officers. Dated 20 Feb. 1690–1.

Minuted:—"To be allowed as proposed in this report to Lady Day 1691, inclusive, and not to be paid on till further order. 4 March 1690–1." 1 *page.*

Feb. 20. 16. Petition of Thomas Townsend, clerk of the Great Wardrobe, showing that King Charles the Second granted him that office for life, with a fee of 6*d.* a pound on all moneys paid in that office, amounting to about 800*l. per ann.*, in lieu of which the King granted him 300*l. per ann.*, and that the petitioner had contracted great debts; praying that he might receive his poundage as formerly. Dated 20 Feb. 1690–1.

Endorsed:—"For the King."

The letters of Privy Seal referred to in the petition. 3¼ *pages.*

Feb. 23. 17. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ralph Williamson, comptroller of the port of Newcastle, concerning an annuity or pension payable by him out of the profits of his office to Katherine, the wife of Barnaby Tunstall, Esq., heretofore the widow of Martin Foster, Esq., the former possessor of that office. Dated 23 Feb. 1690–1.

Minuted:—"To pay the arrears and give bond for the future payment."

The petition and the case of the said Ralph Williamson. 3 *pages.*

* Sic. Query Treasury.

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Feb. 28. 18. Letter, signed Charles Pigeon, to William Jephson, Esq., stating that the Countess of Dorchester desired the favour of him to certify that there was no pension paid upon her patent since Michaelmas 1688, or that the Lords of the Treasury had not thought fit to do anything therein, so that she might have a foundation to proceed on in Ireland. Dated 28 Feb. 1690.

Minuted:—"For the patent the certificate must come from the Exchequer, and may have a note that my L^ds^ have not pay'd any thing on her pencion." 2 March 1690–1. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Feb. 19. Lists of mariners returned by the constables in various parishes in Clerkenwell, and where they lodged. Dated in Feb. 1690.

See other papers belonging to this return. About 21 Jan. 1690–1. (15.) 5 *parts of pages.*

Feb. 20. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Allan and others, clothiers of a regiment of foot in Flanders; apparently advising that the petitioners should have their Majesties' aid in recovering the money due on a bill of exchange. Dated . . Feb. 1690.

Also the petition and an affidavit. *The remains of* 6 *leaves* (*in a very decayed state*).

March 3. 21. Report of Mr. W. Harbord, Surveyor, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had considered the petition of Mr. Thomas Howell, as to the office of constable of the castle of Launceston, in Cornwall, which had been granted by King Charles II. to Sir Hugh Piper, Knt., and to his son and grandson, and that the castle was certified by the parliamentary survey of 1650 to be much in decay, and only two rooms standing, which were used for criminal prisoners; in favour of the prayer of the petition, which sought for the grant of the reversion of the office for two lives, with the fee of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, the petitioner offering to put the gaol in good repair at the expense of 120*l.*, and to keep it so. Dated 3 Mar. 1690–1.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—" Mr. Chancellour will give an account of this. 5th Jan^ry^ '91–2. A clause for the patentees to keep the castle in repair." 2¼ *pages.*

[About March 4.] 22. Petition of Thomas Amy, late one of the Receivers-General of the hearth-money, to the Lords of the Treasury, for suspension of proceedings against him for a debt of 400*l.*

Minuted:—" The officers of the . . . . to state the debt." 4 March 1690–1. 1 *large page.*

March 4. 23. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the reception of cracked money of the current coin of the realm by the collector of the port of Colchester. Dated 4 March 1690–1.

Minuted:—" Ordered 9th March '90–1." 1 *page.*

1690–1. [About March 4.] 24. Petition of Patrick Gilmore to the Lords of the Treasury, praying to be restored to his employment as a collector of excise, from which office he was discharged without cause, after fulfilling the duties 13 years.

Minuted:—" R. to the Com^rs of Excise. 4th March 1690–1." ½ *page.*

March 6. 25. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elizabeth Orchard, widow of Henry Orchard, late carpenter's mate of their Majesties' ship, the "Jersey"; which Elizabeth had imported certain lace from Flanders, then seized for the duty; not objecting to the remission of Her Majesty's share of the duty. Dated 6 Mar. 1690.

Minuted:—" Graunted, 9 March '90–1."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

March 7. 26. Copy of report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Alexander Peirce, stating that the allowance of 2*s.* a day paid out of the contingencies, from King Charles' reign to the 1st of May 1689, was stopped; certifying that the petitioner served at sea, as volunteer, under the late Earl of Ossery, and afterwards in France as captain of foot under the late Duke of Monmouth, until recalled by Charles the Second, and then served as a volunteer for 25 months in the first troop of Guards; recommending him for the King's bounty. Dated 7 Mar. 1690.

The petition and four certificates in his favour.

The petition has this minute on it:—" My L^d Ranelagh desired when there is another list made to insert the petic^r. 6 Apr. '91." 7 *pages* (*quarto*).

March 10. 27. Petition of W. Gore to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the payment for certain pipe staves supplied to the Com^rs of Victualling. Dated 10 March 1690–1.

Minuted:—" He must be pay'd in course, he haveing deliver'd his goods (as the Com^rs alleadg) upon those terms." 1 *page.*

March 11. 28. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching the hardship Mr. Holland, the collector of Hull, lay under, by reason of the noncompliance of the two customers of that port in paying that part of his allowance which was established upon him out of the profits of their office; advising that the arrears, viz., 105*l.*, should be paid out of a forfeiture of 600*l.* recovered by the officers of the port, and that the allowance of 60*l.* from the King be made up to 80*l.*, which, with the two 20*l.* from the customs, would make up his established salary. Dated 11 Mar. 1690.

With two minutes on the back, from which it appears he was allowed the 80*l.*

Accompanied by his petition. 2½ *pages.*

March 12. 29. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the master and governor of the company trading to the East Indies, stating that they had nothing to object to a similar allowance being made to the company out of the last new

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impositions, as was made previously, viz., 4½ *per cent.* on the last new impost of 10 *per cent.* upon the value of their calicoes, wrought silks, &c., granted in the time of the late King James. Dated 12 Mar. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to, 13th March 1690–1."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

March 13. 30. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a dispute between Mr. Oliver Lyme, controller of the customs in the port of Chester, and Mr. Warburton, who acted as his deputy at Liverpool; moving their Lordships that Mr. Lyme might be immediately suspended from his office, and that the Solicitor sue out a process for vacating his patent. Also, as to the case of the Lady Poole, relict of Sir Willm. Poole, late collector of Bristol, relating to an estate at Norwich, seized by the King's extent "as the estate of Thomas Price, in aid of Mr. Arnold Browne, one of the sureties of the said Sir Wm. Poole." Dated 13 March 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to." 2 *pages.*

March 13. 31. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a surcharge of 66*l.* by the examiners of the outport books, made on Mr. Anthony Isaacson, collector of the port of Newcastle, for omitting to collect the aliens' duties upon lead, &c. exported from that port by aliens; recommending him to their Lordships' favourable consideration. Dated 13 Mar. 1690.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

With two inclosures. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 17. 32. Letter of Mr. John Sansom to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, stating, in answer to their Lordship's letter of the 16th inst., that the officers of prizes refused the officers at Plymouth a view of certain prize goods until they received orders from their superiors, so that they could not examine and report on them, as sought in Captain Billop's petition. Dated 17 Mar. 1690.

Minuted:—"Write to the Com^rs of the Prizes to suffer the custom-house officers to take a view." ½ *page.*

March 19. 33. Report of [Commissioners?] of Revenue in Ireland, on the petition of Mr. Francis Cornewall, as to the office of searcher, gauger, and packer of the ports of Londonderry and Coleraine, expressing the opinion that he had a right to the place of searcher; the office being claimed by Mr. John Mogridge. Dated Custom House, Dublin, 19 March 1690–1.

Minuted:—"My L^ds do agree with the Com^rs in their opinion. 8 April '91."

The petition and certificate of the swearing in of the petitioner to that office. 3½ *pages.*

March 20. 34. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, suggesting to them to write a letter to the Com^rs of the

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1690–1. Revenue in Ireland, similar to one written to their predecessors, in respect to the difficulty Mr. Charles Horne, their agent in Ireland, for inspecting the plantation trade, experienced, in getting an account of vessels going to and coming from the plantations; sending a copy of the former letter. Dated 20 March 1690–1.
Minuted:—"Order'd." 2 *pages.*

March 20. 35. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Barber, one of the coast-waiters in the port of London, in favour of appointing his son in his place, he having contracted a distemper in attending his duties at Whitstable which made him incapable of performing them. Dated 20 March 1690–1.
Also his petition.
Minuted:—"Agreed to." 2½ *pages.*

March 24. 36. Report of Sir J. Somers, Solicitor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Baker, Esq., which showed that several parcels of ancient demesne lands of the Crown had been granted to persons in trust for Sir Allen Apsley, which lands were granted to the intent they should be sold to pay divers persons to whom the Crown was indebted and the surplus answered for to the Crown, which had not been performed; offering to "vacuate" the grant and to pay the creditors (more than 100 families, grievously oppressed for want thereof,) and the surplus to His Majesty, in case the petitioner had a lease of the moiety of the land, at a peppercorn rent, for 99 years. The report traces the history of the transactions in connexion with the arrears, from 1627, and shows that they were due to Sir Allen Apsley one of the Surveyors General of marine causes, in the reign of Charles the First, and to his creditors; and that the manor of Newington and other manors and lands had been assigned in payment, and advises that the proposals of the petitioner were not unreasonable. Dated 24 March 1690–1. 3 *pages.*

March 24. 37. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to certain tobacco landed in Scotland, in consequence of the bark "John's Adventure" being chased by French privateers; advising the acceptance of the ½*d.* a pound, tendered by one of the parties concerned. Dated 24 March 1690.
Minuted:—"Order'd." 1 *page.*

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March 11 and 25. 38. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith and Sir George Treby to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of John Kent and Nicholas Fen, Esq., executors of the will of Richard Kent, Esq., respecting money lent by the testator to Sir Patrick Trant, who was afterwards convicted of high treason, which said Trant had entered into a statute staple of 10,000*l.* by virtue of which certain houses of his (in St. Giles in the Fields and St. Ann's) were extended, but had been previously mortgaged to one Mr. John Jeffryes. Dated 11 March 1690 and 25 March 1691.

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Minuted:—"For the King. To be considered when the King disposes of any forfeitures. 27 April '91."

The petition and a particular of the houses and the rents of them. 7 *pages.*

March 27. 39. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel Kroger, of East Smithfield, ship-broker, in favour of granting him His Majesty's part of a forfeiture, in consequence of a wrong report of the lading of a ship called "the Hope of Stralsound." Dated 27 March 1691.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition and "case." 3 *pages.*

March 27. 40. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Billopp, as to the duty of excise payable on brandies and wines therein mentioned, brought into Plymouth. Dated 27 March 1691.

Minuted:—"For the Queene. L^d Godolphin signifies the Queen's pleasure to graunt the petic^rs request, to have the duties remitted."

Also the petition referred to, a report of the Com^rs of Customs, and two other papers. 4½ *pages.*

March 27. 41. A certificate signed by the Earl of Marlborough to the effect that Sir John Edgworth's regiment was ordered not to muster from 1 Jan. 1688 to about 1 April following. Dated 27 March 1691. (*Holograph.*)

Also a certificate to the same effect on the back, signed "D. Crauford." *A few lines only.*

[About March 27.] 42. Petition of the Mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the Corporation of Berwick-upon-Tweed, showing that King Charles the Second had granted to them 100*l.* a year from the customs, for the repair of the bridge, which had been paid up to Lady Day 1689; and that the bridge was much in decay; praying payment of the 200*l.* in arrear.

Minuted:—"To be payd one year, 27th March 1691." 1 *page.*

Dec. 8, 1690, March 30, 1691. 43. An Order in Council on 8 Dec. 1690, for the payment of 100*l.* *per ann.* to Dame Sarah Newcomen, widow of Sir Thomas Newcomen, lately deceased, for the relief of herself and family, in consideration of her husband's loyalty, services, and sufferings, and of the loss she had sustained by the death of her husband; and for the payment of another 100*l.* for her family's present maintenance.

Also a short letter of the said Sarah Newcomen, dated 25 March [16]91, to Lord Godolphin, praying him to consider her distressed family.

Minuted:—"To have 100^li out of secrett service."

A further letter, signed "Bellomont," to William Jephson, Esq., stating that "My Lord Godolphin was pleas'd to call me to him yesterday, in the Queen's withdrawing room, and tell me the money was order'd for my aunt Newcomen," &c. Dated 30 March 1691. 3 *pages or parts of pages.*

1691. [? About March.] 44. Petition of Margaret Mansfield, widow, to the King, showing that she was the widow of Mr. Isaac Mansfield, formerly one of the prebendaries of St. Finburries, Cork, and rector of Ballimony, in that diocese, that her husband was killed in the beginning of the war of Ireland, that the petitioner and three small children fled to Bandon Bridge, which so exasperated the enemy that they destroyed all her property, of the value of 500*l.* and more ; praying for present relief, she having grown "antient."

Also copies of two certificates corroborating her case. Dated 6 and 13 March 1690–1. 2 *pages.*

[? About March.] 45. Petition of Col. Francis Lutterel for himself and the other officers in his regiment, addressed to the King, showing that on the King's arrival in this kingdom, he had given him a commission to raise a regiment, which he did in three days, and kept them 14 days at his own expense; he clothed the regiment at Exeter at a cost of 1,500*l.*; but he was so extremely abused (the clothes being worn out) that they must be clothed anew; praying that the regiment might be cleared from the beginning of January to 1 July last, to enable him to pay for the old clothes. Undated ; but see an order for payment for the clothing of his regiment in the *Money Book*, Vol. II. p. 21.

With a minute that it was referred to Lord Ranelagh. 1 *page.*

April 3. 46. Proposal of Thomas Baker and Peter Stepkin, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, for the recovery of moneys received from Dissenters by virtue of penal statutes and not paid into the Treasury. Dated 3 April 1691.

Minuted :—"They are to proceed according to law at their owne charge & to have one third part of what they do recover & they are to pay the same (as fast as it is recover'd) into the Exchequer. 7 Apr. '91." 1 *page.*

April 3. 47. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joel Freemolt and others, stating that they were employed in preventing the exportation of wool, and by their diligence made several seizures at the hazard of their lives ; confirming the truth of the petition. Dated 3 April 1691.

Minuted :—"To have a moiety of the King's part. 6 Apr. '91."

Also, the petition and four other enclosures. Dated 3 April 1691. 1 *page and* 5 *half pages.*

April 3. 48. An order made by the Committee for the Affairs of Ireland on 3 April 1691.

Docquetted :—"L^ds^ Com^tee^ of Irish affairs for 509^li^ 7^s^ 6^d^ for Com^rs^ of Transports : for charges of sending horses into Ireland for the train, & bread waggons. 4 April 1691. 2 *pages.*

April 6. 49. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Robert Crawford, Esq., Governor of Sheerness, on behalf of his brother, Mr. William Crawford, deceased, late collector of hearth money, certifying as to the state of his accounts,

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viz., that he owed 143*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*, and that they were informed that he deserted his employment, and went into Holland, to serve the Prince of Orange, and came into England with him, and afterwards went into Scotland, an officer under Major General Mackay, and was there slain in the battle in which the Lord Dundee was killed, expressing the opinion that he might deserve their Majesties' favour, but they could not discharge the debt nor deliver up the bond. Dated 6 April 1691.

Minuted:—"Graunted by Her Mat^ie^ 27 May 1691."

Also, the petition and a balance sheet." 3 *pages.*

April 7. 50. Letter of the Com^rs^ of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, (1), stating that two prize ships then lying at Plymouth, viz., "La Ranomee" and the "St. Symon" of Bourdeaux, were desired for store ships by the Com^rs^ of the Navy, &c., advising against the same, until satisfaction be made by the Com^rs^ for Victualling.

(2.) Observing that several ships taken as prize had never come into their custody, but had been refitted by order of the Lords of the Admiralty for the service of the Navy, that others had been delivered to their officers, particularly the "Providence" and "Magdalen" for pacquet or advice boats.

(3.) That they had caused a prize ship, lying in Topsham river, near Exeter, laden with marble, to be refitted and brought into the Thames, where the lading was appraised by Sir Christopher Wren, at 1,014*l.* beyond the charge of removing it to Scotland Yard; praying their Lordships to move His Majesty to order payment to be made, out of which they would be very willing to repay the 300*l.* which Mr. Dyve, their secretary, received of their Lordships, &c. Dated 7 April 1691.

Minuted in the margin:—"To be sent to the Admiralty. 7 Apr. 91." 2 *pages.*

April 8. 51. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Lady Margaret Culpepper, relict and administratrix of Thomas, Lord Culpepper, deceased, certifying that 750*l.* was due on a yearly allowance of 600*l.*, granted for 21 years on Lord Culpepper's surrender of a lease of the profits and quit rents of Virginia, to be paid on the establishment of the forces. Dated 8 April 1691.

The petition and another paper relating thereto. 4 *pages.*

April 9. 52. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Gerrard van Heythuysen, and others, on behalf of several merchants, inhabitants of New York; setting forth that the colony, with the inhabitants thereof, had been under the government of England since the year 1664, ever looking on themselves as free subjects of England; that they were left without a Governor the latter part of the late King James's reign, whereby they were exposed to the incursions and attempts of the French; nevertheless, according to their duty and allegiance, the inhabitants

remained steadfast to the government of this kingdom, fixing (under God) their sole dependence thereupon; and, as soon as they had notice of their Majesties King William and Queen Mary's accession to the Crown, readily declared for them, and had for the two last years maintained and defended themselves against all the attempts of the French. The report expresses the opinion that they should have the like privileges as natural born subjects, and not be called to pay aliens' duties. Dated 9 April 1691.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

April 11. 53. Letter of William Laycock to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that Mr. Bowyer, their Majesties' surveyor, and he, had visited the chase of Needwood, in Staffordshire, and they found great wastes made of their Majesties' woods; the officers took no great cognizance of the Lords of the Treasury, nor of the Surveyor-General of their Majesties' woods for Trent North, the Chancellor of the duchy [of Lancaster] being their Lord Treasurer, from whom their warrants for falls of wood (when any) were directed. The officers embezzled the woods; Lord Dartmouth had a grant of some lands called the Castle Hayes, and his tenants had stubbed up several thousand oaks, and converted the land into arable. One Smith, formerly a player, had a grant of Hanbury Park, in which place there were several hundred excellent hard wood trees, very rare to be met with; and he felled certain of them, and designed to fell four or five hundred more, &c. Dated Egmonton Hall, 11 April 1691. 1 *page.*

April 16. 54. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the supply of 4,000*l.*, or a good part of it, forthwith, or their credit would be broke, &c. Dated 16 April 1691. 1 *page.*

April 16. 55. Copy of an Act for the settling ports, &c., in their Majesties' dominions of Virginia. Dated 16 April 1691. 20 *pages.*

[About 17 April 1691.] 56. Petition of Col. Edmund Maine, Brigadier of Horse, to the Com^rs^ of the Treasury, showing that he held that office from 11 November 1688, and had received nothing on that account, notwithstanding all other general officers that continued in the service of His present Majesty were cleared till 1 May 1689, and afterwards all of that quality who were upon the Irish establishment received three months' pay there the last campaign; but he, not being on that establishment, had not the benefit thereof, although he served in that station all the last campaign: praying to be cleared, &c., as the rest of the general officers were.

Without date, but referred 17 April 1691.

Minuted:—"Speak with L^d^ Ranelagh. Receive the King's pleasure touching the 256^li^ 10^s^ due to the 1^st^ May 1689." 1 *page.*

April 20. 57. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for Transportation of their Majesties' forces to Ireland, stating that 4,000*l.* was due to them out of 16,000*l.*

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formerly granted, and that they had been constrained to use the moneys paid them for transporting the forces from Scotland to Ostend, for their immediate payments, &c. Praying an order for the 4,000*l.* Dated April 20, 1691.

Also a brief letter to William Jephson, Esq., further pressing on him their distress for money. 1½ *pages.*

April 20. 58. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, stating the great occasion there was for money to continue the payment of the seamen, and that there were other pressing services; desiring to be furnished, before the usual day, with as much as they could of the money designed for them that week. Dated 20 April 1691.

Minuted:—" 21 Apr. '91. 16,000li orderd." 1 *page.*

April 21. 59. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. John Michelburne, showing that he was made major of the regiment of foot under the command of Col. Skeffington, on 5 Feb. 1688–9, but on the colonel and lieutenant-colonel quitting them, the command of the regiment devolved on the petitioner: showing that 9,570*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* were due. Dated 21 April 1691.

Written on the dorse of the petition.

Minuted:—" They cannot be pay'd but from the time they were upon the establishment." 29 April 1691. 2 *pages.*

April 21. 60. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of remission of the taxes on deputed officers of the customs whose salaries did not exceed 60*l.* *per ann.* Dated 21 April 1691.

Minuted:—" Agreed to." 1 *page.*

April 21 and 22. 61. Presentment of the Comrs of Transportation to the Comrs of the Treasury, sending an estimate of the charge of the transportation into Holland of the second troop of English guards, and the remainder of the troop of Dutch guards; praying an order for the money, and further pressing for the 4,000*l.* mentioned in their previous presentments. Dated 21 April 1691.

Minuted:—" For the King, 23 April '91; pd in pt, 1,000li 0s 0d."

A supplementary presentment on the same subject. Dated 22 April 1691. 2 *pages.*

April 24. 62. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of Thomas Pitt, stating that there was lately sent him out of the East Indies six gold heads for canes and six gold snuff boxes, weighing about 40 ounces; praying to have them delivered without duty; certifying that the duty was too great to dispense with it, except the petitioner would deface the articles so as to destroy the manufacture, when they would pass free as bullion. Dated 24 April 1691.

Minuted:—" The Comrs must proceed according to law. 5 May 1691."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

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April 28. 63. Presentment of the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to their former estimates for transporting horses and troops into Holland, stating that they had calculated the freight of the horses at 50*s.*, but the masters had taken advantage and raised it to 55*s.*; they were since required to provide for 34 horses more, which would make the amount required 2,182*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*; the 1,000*l.* their Lordships had ordered was almost all run out, and they prayed for the immediate supply of the remaining money, together with the remainder of the 16,000*l.* Also, sending an estimate for the transport of 700 recruit horses and riders, from Highlake into Ireland, and 300 horses and riders from Biddeford into Ireland, amounting to 2,958*l.* 15*s.* Dated April 28, 1691.

Minuted:—"30 April '91, paid in parte 1,000^li." 1½ *pages.*

April 30. 64. The case of William Abernathie, one of their Majesties' pensioners, showing that he served King Charles II. from 16 years of age till the battle of Worcester; he was then under the Earl of Middleton in Scotland, then in the King of Sweden's service, then he was recalled to serve His Majesty in exile in Flanders; that he did considerable service to the Restoration, and having followed His Majesty's service in the worst of times, all the reward he had was to ride in his guards for a year at great expense for nothing; and having served in all above 30 years so that he was thought deserving of 17*s.* a day in pay, he had but 3*s.* pension, &c.

With a memorandum in the Earl of Marlborough's handwriting, and signed by him in his favour. Dated 30 April '91. 1 *page.*

[About April 30.] 65. Petition of Isabella, Duchess of Grafton, to the King, showing that King Charles the Second promised the petitioner's late husband, Henry, Duke of Grafton, to grant him a lease of the Ballast office on the same terms as George Boreman, Esq., then held it, as soon as his lease expired; praying him to direct the Masters of the Trinity House to grant a lease thereof to the said Duchess.

Referred to the officers of the Trinity House, 30 April 1691.

Minuted:—"It cannot be granted. 11 Apr. '92." 1 *page, much decayed.*

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May 4. 1. Statement of the case of Mr. Chetwin, Deputy Auditor [in South Wales], showing various particulars of the accounts which he had been called on to consider, and begging to have a day appointed that he might be heard, and might answer the petition of Mr. Humphreys, exhibited against him. Dated 4 May 1691. 3 *pages.*

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May 4. 2. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the seizure of certain wine and sweetmeats, sent as a present to the Queen Dowager, brought from France and seized at Rye. Dated 4 May 1691.

Minuted:—"It must be determin'd by law." 5 May 1691.

Accompanied by a letter from the [collector] at Rye. 3 *pages.*

May 5. 3. Letter, signed Cha. Montague, to William Jephson, Esq., Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a memorial from the Com^rs for Transportation, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 5 May 1691.

Minuted:—"May 5, '91. Payd 500^li."

The memorial states, that on the 5th of January they had calculated the charge of transporting recruits from England to Ireland, and from Ireland and Scotland to Flanders, &c., at 16,133*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*, of which they had received 13,000*l.*; they had bought 8,000 bushels of oats at Whitehaven, to be sent to Ballyshannon, the cost of which was 726*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*; they had provided for the transportation of 500 artillery and 500 waggon horses, and 300 men, at a cost of 509*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; they had hired ships and made provision to carry to Holland the 2nd troop of English and the Dutch Guards, being 65$\frac{2}{3}$ horses and riders, the charge for which was 2,182*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*, whereof there was due 182*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*; they had orders to take up ships at Highlake, to transport 700 recruit horses and riders, and at Biddeford ships for 300 horses and riders, the charge of which was computed at 2,958*l.* 15*s.*, but they feared it was insufficient, as they could not find ships in Liverpool and Chester water for above 120 horses; they must take the rest up, if possible, at Whitehaven, and send them to Highlake. They were ordered to direct Mr. Henley to fit up all the ships he could, the cost of which would be about 500*l.* Mr. Middleton's account of provisions for soldiers and prisoners, bound from Cork to Ostend, was 889*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*; they had bills running on them for provisions, and all the sums amounted to 8,880*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, without which the service must stand still. In addition to which there were great quantities of provisions spent at Bristol by the recruits on shipboard, of which they had no account; but Mr. Henley called earnestly for near 1,000*l.*, and the people were growing diffident of dealing with him, except for ready money; the bills coming due daily would be protested for non-acceptance, for they must refuse to accept new bills where so many old ones lay unpaid. 2$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

May 6. 4. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel Lawrence, one of the King's waiters in the port of London, praying to be allowed to resign his office in favour of Mr. William Turner. Dated 6 May 1691.

Minuted:—"Graunted upon the terms proposed by the Com^rs, 13 May 1691."

The petition and certificate. 2$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

May 7. 5. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. John Baber, informing them that he was appointed assistant to Mr. Edward Noell their secretary in the room of Mr.

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John Sheldrake, deceased, and had faithfully executed that employment; stating that they had nothing to object against his supplying the place of prosecuting and defending informations and causes brought judicially before them, as Mr. Aram formerly did. Dated 7 May 1691.

Minuted:—"Graunted."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 8. 6. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Basil Feilding, gentleman, who had been dismissed from being an officer of the customs at the port of Carlisle, and prayed in the event of there being a vacancy, as the result of an enquiry into the conduct of the officers which was then going on, that he might be reinstated. Dated 8 May 1691.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

May 9. 7. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Edward Maine, brigadier of horse, as to 1,171*l.* 10*s.* due to him for pay at 30*s.* a day. Dated 9 May 1691. 1 *page.*

May 10. 8. Letter signed John Bowles, addressed to William Jephson, Esq., stating that there was enclosed an account of the ship "Mary" of the description called a "cat" and a certificate of her measurement when taken into their Majesties' service, by the officers of the Ordnance, showing that she was false measured 172$\frac{1}{94}$ tons, by which a fraud of 1,653*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* was committed; praying him to move their Lordships to order that none of the transport ships should receive any money without his certificate of remeasurement, there being about 100 sail of vessels in the river, and some vessels had proceeded on their voyages without remeasurement, &c. Dated 10 May 1691. 1 *page.*

May 11. 9. Report of certain persons dated at the Trinity House, made to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter of the Com[rs] of the Navy, touching the salary due to Capt. Humphrey Ayles, employed in the transport of the army in 1689, and of his clerk; in favour of his receiving half a year's salary at 400*l. per ann.* and for his clerk at 30*l. per ann.*; leaving it to their Lordships to determine whether they, or the Com[rs] of the Navy, should pay it, but, if the former, asking for the money to be supplied, as they had not so much as would serve their own occasions by a great deal. Dated 11 May 1691.

Minuted:—"To be pay'd by the Com[rs] of the Transpo[rts], 18 May 1691."

Also the letter. 4 *pages.*

May 11. 10. Letter signed "Arnold" addressed to William Glanvill, Esq., at the Treasury Chamber, praying assistance to his solicitor to get an order from the Lords of the Treasury for 100*l.*; and for the assignment of 675*l.*, to certain trustees for the county of Monmouth. Dated 11 May 1691. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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May 13. 11. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the executors of Sir Edw. Deering, who had bound himself to the tradesmen who clothed his regiment, to pay them in 12 months, which was elapsed, and the creditors came on the estate, which obliged the executors to raise ready money, which could not be done on the tallies granted for off-reckonings. Dated 13 May 1691.
Written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 13. 12. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, recapitulating their former reports from the 5th of January, much to the same purport (with slight alterations) as the memorial returned under date 5 May 1691. Dated 13 May 1691. 3¼ *pages.*

May 13. 13. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the employment of four additional officers by Charles Duncomb, Esq., cashier of the revenue, by reason of the doubling the duty of excise; approving thereof and praying for a warrant for allowance of the same. Dated 13 May 1691.
Minuted:—"Agreed to." 1 *page.*

May 14. 14. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing a copy of a letter from the principal officers of the Navy, as to an order directing 160,500*l.* to be applied to the use of victualling the Navy for that year, &c. Dated 14 May 1691.
Minuted:—"Speak with the Com^rs^ of the Navy."
Accompanied by the said copy. 3 *pages.*

May 14. 15. Petition of Lady Rookby, wife to Thomas Paston, Esq., stating that she is entitled to certain ground on which the Secretary of Scotland's house was built, praying that the King's Surveyor may have a small tenement built for her out of the old timber and bricks, saved from the ruins in the privy-garden, &c. Dated 14 May 1691.
Minuted:—"R. to M^r^ Survey^r^ of the works. 15 May 1691." 1 *page.*

May 14. 16. Report of certain persons connected with the Ordnance Office to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Howard, master of the ship "Susannah and Elizabeth," employed to carry stores for the Ordnance Office to Ireland, in favour of his claim. Dated 14 May 1691.
The petition and a copy slightly varied, each having a debenture attached. Dated 14 May 1691. 5 *pages.*

May 14. 17. Order of the Privy Council, made on reading the petition of William Carter, concerning the exportation of wool for the prevention of which he prayed the continuance of his assistants and for a supply to prosecute offenders, referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury, which was again referred by them to the Com^rs^ of Customs. Dated 14 May 1691.
Accompanied by—
(1.) The petition.

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(2.) Some considerations humbly offered to the King by William Carter, concerning the export and import of prohibited goods, finishing with the expression of a hope for necessary supplies.

(3.) Copy of a report from the Com^rs^ of the Customs to the Com^rs^ of the Treasury of the 18th Nov. 1690 in favour of the petitioner.

(4.) Copy of another report of the said Com^rs^ on the same subject. Dated 18 Dec. 1690. 5 *pages.*

May 15. 18. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that since their last letter, in relation to the paying the victuallers of the Navy 160,500*l.* by the orders which stood first in course of payment, &c., they had received another letter, with copies of some merchants' letters touching that matter, which they enclosed. Dated 15 May 1691. 7 *pages.*

May 15. 19. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a memorial concerning a suit of tapestry hangings belonging to the Earl of Devonshire, viz., as to the duties to which they were liable. Dated 15 May 1691.

Minuted:—"To pay only the single duty, 15 May 1691."

Enclosing another report of 6 May, and a paper relating thereto. 3 *pages.*

May 15. 20. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Richardson of London, merchant, who had entered certain copper from Barbary in his servant's name, who was a stranger, for which he was threatened with prosecution: not objecting to a "*non. pros.*" being entered. Dated 15 May 1691.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 16. 21. Report of Matthew Ingram to the Lords [of the Treasury], informing them, that he had stated the accounts of Thomas Potter, who clothed the regiment of foot, late Col. Cornwall's; the off-reckonings amounted to 6,014*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*, and the clothing to 6,288*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*, &c. Lord Ranelagh was of opinion that neither Col. Cunningham, nor Col. Stewart, had any just pretence to the off-reckonings due before 1 Jan. 1688, &c. Dated 16 May 1691. 1 *page.*

May 16. 22. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Teale, of Cheltenham, in the county of Gloucester, miller; setting forth that the petitioner (not knowing the law) planted a small parcel of tobacco, which was all destroyed by their Majesties' officers when it was green; stating that they would not object to the remission of the fine set upon him, of 360*l.*, &c. Dated 16 May 1691.

Minuted:—"29 June '9[1] agreed to, y^e^ pet^r^ giving security for the future."

Also the petition and three other inclosures. 2 *pages and* 3½ *halves.*

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May 19. 23. Presentment of the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that on the 13th inst. they had presented to their Lordships their great want of money; to which presentment they referred their Lordships, except in the article concerning hiring shipping, which they were directed to alter and to hire shipping at Whitehaven by the month, or they would not serve to carry 600 horses and riders from Highlake, the charge whereof for provisions for man and horse for eight days, and of 1,800 tons of shipping at 10*s.* a ton, per month amounted to 1,179*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*; further estimating the cost of carrying 300 horses to Cork at 30*s.* per horse from Whitehaven and Biddeford at 450*l.*, and in addition, stating that there were several bills running upon them, for provisions already made at Bristol, Highlake, Milford, Whitehaven, and Biddeford; and unless they had a speedy supply, they could not carry on the business in hand. Dated 19 May 1691.

Minuted:—"1,000^li order'd in part 20 May 1691." 1½ *pages.*

May 20. 24. Report of Messrs. Wm. Lowndes and Aaron Smith, on the petition of Robert Cole, citizen and goldsmith of London, which set forth, that he had discovered to the Duke of Bolton that a sum of 2,400*l.*, due to their Majesties, was then in the hands of the Master and Brethren of the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, and concealed from the Crown; and prayed to have the benefit of the discovery: advising their Lordships, that if they thought the affidavit enclosed was a sufficient ground for believing that the Master, &c. of the Trinity House had the moneys, then their Lordships should call them to account, or take proceedings against them by English bill in the Exchequer. Dated 20 May 1691.

Minuted:—"If the Trinity House have & do apply it to the use of the poore pensioners, the Lords do not think fit to make any further in it."

The petition and affidavit. 3½ *pages.*

[1691?] May 23. 25. Letter, signed G. Talbot, to "My most honoured L^d," stating that since his Lordship had so freely offered his favour in promising to use his utmost interest to Lord Godolphin in his behalf, it would be a kind of rudeness in him not to lay hold on it with thanks. Sir Fras. Lawley had written him word that his (the writer's) petition for the revival of his privy seal, of 400*l.* *per ann.*, granted by King Charles II., or else 4,000 ounces of old broken plate, lay before the Lords of the Treasury: begging him to employ his utmost interest with Lord Godolphin and the rest of the Commissioners in his behalf, if his Lordship pleased to lay before them the unparalleled hardship of his case, having been commanded to serve the Crown first as Resident, and then as Envoy Extraordinary at Venice, when by reason of the wars His then Majesty could give him no support, and in consequence he spent all his private fortune and contracted a great debt; beseeching his Lordship to press [their Lordships] to rescue him from his necessitous condition. Dated Lacock, May 23.

Minuted:—"To enquire if there is any such case before y^e L^ds as is menc̃ond. 22 Sept. 1691. 1 *page.*

1691. May 24. 26. Report of Mr. Wm. Lowndes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Ward, of London, merchant, claiming an annuity of 250*l.* *per ann.*, bought by him of Richard Graham, who held the same during the life of Sir Samuel Morland, who had a grant of 500*l.* *per ann.* out of the revenues of the Post Office, in the 13th of Charles II., for 31 years; which grant by divers assignments came to the said Richard Graham, for security of 250*l.* *per ann.* The annuity was extinguished by the Act granting the revenues of the Post Office to King James II., but this sum of 250*l.* was regranted to the said Richard Graham, during the life of Sir Samuel Morland: in favour of the claim of the petitioner. Dated 24 May 1691. 2 *pages.*

[About May 25.] 27. Petition of Robert Dodsworth, gent., addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had appeared at the bar of the House of Commons, and discovered several persons who had commissions from the late King James, for raising four regiments of horse and two of dragoons, and also told them of the French invading our western coasts; and by an after order of the House, the Lord Brandon, Col. Kirby, and several other members of the House, were ordered to go to the Lord Chief Justice that he might take the petitioner's depositions,, for which service he was ordered a generous support, and received 100*l.*, and went into Lancashire and took up several of the rebels; on which service he had expended above 250*l.*, and had lost the friendship of most of his relations, so that he could not remain in his own country with any safety; praying to be reimbursed the 250*l.*, and what else their Lordships should think fit. Without date.

Minuted:—"If there be any employment he is qualified for, my L^{ds} will provide for him. 25 May 1691.

"He is a Roman Catholique & so cannot take employment." 1 *page.*

May 26. 28. Memorial of the Commissioners for sick and wounded and prisoners of war to the Lords of the Treasury, earnestly entreating their Lordships to order a competent supply, as they were then under the greatest necessity by reason of the "present expedition," and they were in debt 25,000*l.*, and those who had quartered the sick and wounded seamen were a whole year in arrears. Dated 26 May 1691.

Minuted:—"To be considered when the tallys are distributed for the 700,000*l.*, 27 May 1691." 1 *page.*

May 27. 29. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that after the conference they had with them, they sent for the Navy Board, and recommended them to have the tallies disposed of to the Com^{rs} for Victualling, and to persuade the merchants to consent thereto; since which they had received a letter from the Board with a copy of a letter from the merchants, which they now enclosed, together with an extract of a representation from the Com^{rs} for Victualling, of the necessity of having the

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full remaining proportion out of the million assigned them. Dated 27 May 1691.

Accompanied by the said papers. 8 *pages.*

June 2. 30. Copy of the report of Lord Ranelagh and Mr. Wm. Blathwayt, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir John Edgworth, concerning the amount due to him for his regiment. Dated 2 June 1691.

Minuted :—"13 March 1692. To bee laid before the King when my Lord Ranelagh & Mr. Blathwayt are present, on Wednesday. Not to be done at present." 1 *page.*

June 5. 31. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing an estimate which they had directed the Navy Board to make, of what wages would be due on the 1st of Nov. to their Majesties' ships of the first and second rate, and twenty of the biggest third rates, then abroad; that their Lordships might provide for the payment of the same; and acquainting them that the rest of the ships, &c., would swallow up the remainder of the million appropriated to the Navy. Dated 5 June 1691.

Accompanied by the estimate. 2 *pages.*

June 6. 32. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the case of Timothy Davison and Nicholas Ridley of Newcastle, who had shipped corn in a foreign vessel and prayed to be discharged from the duty leviable by the Act of tonnage and poundage. Dated 6 June 1691.

Minuted :—"Agreed to for this case."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 6. 33. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, reminding them of their memorial of 17 March 1689, for settling a collection at Harwich, a member of the port of Ipswich; moving their Lordships that the establishment therein proposed might be put in practice, as it would conduce greatly to their Majesties' service, especially at this time of frequent intercourse between England and Holland by the packet-boats. Dated 6 June 1691.

Copy of the memorial and the establishment.

A letter of Mr. Jno. Sansom on the same subject. Dated 30 June 1691. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 9. 34. Memorial of the Com^rs^ of the Revenue of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, expressing their opinion that it would be for their Majesties' service that the last poll tax and 12 months tax should be allowed to all supervisors and gaugers and all inferior officers in London and the weekly bills of mortality, whose salaries were under 100*l. per ann.* Dated 9 June 1691.

Minuted :—"12th June 1691. Respited." 1 *page.*

June 10. 35. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the bills running on them for provisions and

1691. ships hired for transporting the forces; stating that some of the persons concerned had, (upon the assurance of the Com^rs of punctual payment), so engaged their credit that they must fly to avoid imprisonment; there were then at Milford 59 horses and riders of Col. Coy's regiment, who were shipped at Biddeford, bound for Cork, but put into Milford by contrary winds, to be revictualled if Mr. Middleton could get credit, he being nearly 1,000*l.* out of pocket; 13 ships at Bristol laden with recruits, had been detained several days by contrary winds at great expense, which made Mr. Henley call loudly for a present supply, &c. Capt. Atkinson called upon them for 1,000*l.* for provisions for horses going from Highlake; wherefore they prayed their Lordships to consider their last presentment and to grant them a supply towards defraying the 9,900*l.* therein sought for. Dated 10 June 1691. 1 *page.*

June 11. 36. "Commissioners of y^e Navy & Victualling, report on y^e petition of Mr. Pawlin Fownes & a‡, who have supplyd victuals to their Mat^s Navy." Dated 11 June 1691.
Minuted:—"29th June '91. Nothing can be don at present." 2 *pages.*

June 12. 37. Copy of a report by Chas. Fox, Esq. to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what was due to Lewis Chabrolle and Abraham Courteille, reformed captains of Col. de la Melionere's regiment. Dated 12 June 1691. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 13. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several merchants of Hull concerned in the lading of the ship "Golden Flight," of Stockholm, as to whether they had incurred the liability to the new duty or not, by arriving two days over the time allowed. Dated 13 June 1691.
Minuted:—"Not granted."
The petition and copies of two other documents. 3½ *pages.*

June 15. 39. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. John Cunningham, as to the amount (143*l.*) paid on account of subsistence due to his regiment; expressing the opinion that Col. Cornwall, to whom he was successor, ought to satisfy the petitioner out of the balance due to him. Dated 15 June 1691.
The petition and three other enclosures. 1 *page and* 3 *half pages.*

[About 15 June 1691.] 40. Petition of Mrs. Margaret Barnham, widow, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that her two sons "Francis and Robert" were bred up in the way of soldiery, and served in Ireland in Col. Langston's regiment of horse and died there: praying for payment of the arrears due to them, viz., 72*l.* 12*s.*
Minuted:—"To be taken into consideration when the arrears of the army shall be paid." 15 June '91. 1 *page.*

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June 18. 41. Report signed M. Tucker, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of John Eglesham, as to the charge on beer imported in Ireland. Dated 18 June 1691.

Minuted:—" My Lds agree to ye report." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 23. 42. Report of Mr. Chas Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Monsr. la Brune, finding that, by certificate from Col. du Cambon, he had served in that regiment as volunteer for the two last campaigns, and had a pass from Genl. Ginkle to have gone into Savoy; but was then desirous to return into Ireland; he, however, could not, except their Lordships allowed him something. Dated 23 June, 1691.

Minuted:—" 29 June '91. The L^ds^ can do nothing in it at present."

Also his petition (*in French*). 1½ *pages.*

June 24. 43. Presentment by the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to similar representations made by them on the 13th and 19th, of the great want of money they were in; briefly recapitulating the services performed, and the sums required, amounting to 8,796*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* Dated 24 June 1691. 1½ *pages.*

[June 24.] 44. Charges of passing the accounts of the Com^rs^ of Excise for 1684–5 and 1689; apparently entered in the account for two years ending Midsummer 1691. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

June 25. 45. Report of William Harbord, Esq., their Majesties' Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Henry Fane, as to the value of certain ground "lying on the outside of St. James' Park wall, between Storey's and Webbs:" upon part of which ground the house of Lord Chancellor Jeffryes was built. Dated 25 June 1691.

Also the petition, *minuted:*—" 29 May '91. The Lords agree that S^r^ Henry Fane may compound, not exceeding 10*s.* a foot for the improved ground, & 5*s.* for that which is not improved."

A further report on the petition of Sir Wm. Turner, Knt., Wm. Carbonell, merchant, and Robt. Scott, bookseller; in behalf of themselves and the rest of the creditors of Adriell Mill, stationer, who had mortgaged the premises inhabited by Lord Chancellor Jeffryes to the petitioners, and become bankrupt; praying that proceedings might be stayed, Sir Henry Fane having brought ejectments for the ground on which the buildings were erected. Dated 25 June 1691. 4 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

June 27. 46. A request made [most likely to one of the law officers of the Crown] to draw up a sufficient discharge to the Sheriff of Northampton, for the payment of a fine of 200*l.* received by him from Sir Charles Neale, for speaking reproachful words against the King; for which fine Robert Cheyne, who had been a great sufferer in serving His Majesty in his expedition to England, had petitioned the Queen, whose claim had been allowed by Lord Godolphin. Dated 27 June 1691. 1 *page.*

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June 28. 47. Report of the Com^rs for the Revenue of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Mayor, commonalty, and citizens of the city of Londonderry, which complained of the disbursements they had been at, and the losses sustained by them in the preservation of that place; that they were brought to a very low and ruinous condition, their suburbs and plantations, &c. about the city, destroyed, their public buildings and many of their houses within the city lying yet all in rubbish, &c.; that they had taken of the Com^rs of Revenue in Ireland some lands in the barony of Glenarme, and liberties of Coleraine, being part of the forfeited estate of the Earl of Antrim, (whose regiment was first repulsed before their walls on shutting the gates in December 1688,) and prayed the remission of a year's rent, &c. The report informs their Lordships, that as to that part of the Earl of Antrim's lands taken by the petitioners' agent in their behalf, they were posted among other forfeited lands in that county, and he being the fairest bidder, they were set by them; viz.: the lands for 1,356*l.*, and the arrears for 1,079*l.*; and as to the sufferings, merits, and ruin of that city, they were very remarkable and great; but as they did not think it fit to prescribe or limit their Majesties' bounty, they chose to be silent on that point; if the petitioners expected a grant of the Earl of Antrim's estate, it was computed at the value of 15,000*l.* *per ann.* Dated 28 June 1691.

Also the petition, with a note at the foot that it is referred to the Com^rs of the Treasury to consider and report, and another paper, entitled, "Some principall heads, or grounds of the disbursements made, losses sustained, and debts contracted by the pet^rs, in and towards defence of the city of Londonderry and its interest." 3 *pages.*

July 3. 48. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Deborah Dioness, widow, who had imported certain chocolate, on which, after shipment, an Act was passed laying an additional duty of 5*s.* in the pound, advising that she should be allowed to reship it. Dated 3 July 1691.

Minuted :—"Agreed to y^e exportation, if it be not ag^t law."

The petition, and an affidavit. 2½ *pages.*

July 4. 49. A representation, by the officers of the Mint, of the decayed and ruinous condition of the engraver's house at the Mint, stating that the engravers could not dwell therein, and the puncheons and dies kept there, were not secure from being stolen; desiring that it might be speedily rebuilt. Dated 4 July 1691.

A similar representation by them with regard to the Moniers' Hall, and houseing thereto belonging, estimating the rebuilding the same at 762*l.* 10*s.* Dated the same day. 2 *half pages.*

July 6. 50. Order by the Committee for the Affairs of Ireland for the transmission of an extract from a memorial from the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, in order that they might issue directions necessary for the support of that service their credit at the out-ports being exhausted. Dated 6 July 1691. 2 *half pages.*

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July 8. 51. Letter from the Lords of the Council in Dublin to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a petition of Philip Savage, Esq., in behalf of the children of John Crowe, Esq., deceased; in order that when the military establishment of Ireland was taken into consideration their Lordships might have the case in their thoughts, they being orphans. Dated 8 July 1691.

Minuted:—"A letter to add this to the military establishment."

The petition referred to, which prayed a favourable representation of their case to the Lords of the Treasury. 2 *pages.*

July 9. 52. Report of the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Anthony Thorold, late collector of customs at Lyme, as to certain allowances demanded by him on his account. Dated 9 July 1691.

Minuted:—"Agreed to the report."

Also 4 enclosures. 5½ *pages.*

July 10. 53. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, in reply to their Lordships' letter, stating that the list of ships in their Majesties' pay consisted of 68, five being great "catts," since ordered to be discharged, and another broken and unserviceable, and two hired at Whitehaven to carry oats to Ballyshannon, and when unladen to be discharged, &c.; they had divided the remaining 60 ships into three classes, viz., those which had served 15, 20, and 24 months, and the sum needful to be supplied amounted to 15,528*l.* 10*s.*, praying their Lordships' favour, for the complaints of the seamen were very grievous for want of supplies, as none of them had received more than two months' pay. Dated 10 July 1691.

In a postscript they state that at Bristol, Highlake, and Whitehaven, the seamen deserted the transport ships for want of pay, and it was feared there would not be hands to sail them. 2 *pages.*

July 11. 54. Letter of W. Leveson Gower, addressed to the Lords of the [Treasury], stating that he should apply himself only to what was properly before their Lordships, and not be as impertinent in answering as Capt. Wood had been in bringing his law cases, or rather chicaneries, before their Lordships. By his niece's petition, and the account of Sir Thos. Gower's agents, there was 1,530*l.* to be received for the clothing of the late Sir Th. Gower's regiment, which money had been received by the agent; he hoped if their Lordships did not order Mr. Beverley's 500^li^ to be paid out of the same, that they would make the agent give an account what money he had disbursed, &c. In answer to his false and scandalous paper, the writer had long since waived his privilege to Capt. Wood, and left himself open to the law. Dated 11 July 1691.

Minuted:—"That y^e^ mony be repaid to my L^d^ Ran[elagh] according to ye former order." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

[About July 13.] 55. Report of William Tal[l]man, Controller, and Thomas Lloyd, Paymaster of the Works, on the petition of Sir Christopher Wren, Surveyor-General of the Works, which showed that he had spent great part of his life in the service of the Crown faithfully and

1691. laboriously, and had not served himself, but caused all salaries to himself and officers to be paid in strict course, &c., and so supported the credit of the office to the danger of the ruin of his family; praying to be allowed 2,010*l.* in payment of arrears due to him. Undated, but the petition was referred to the Controller and Paymaster on 13 July 1691.

Minuted:—"Respited till there is a full Board. 28 Aug^{t} '91."

The petition and two certificates. 3½ *pages.*

July 15. 56. Letter signed Ad. Cardonnel to Henry Guy, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from an officer of Col. Hales' regiment, who lay at Bristol, for a passage to Ireland with the regiment's clothes; praying the necessary directions to the customers at Bristol. Dated 15 July 1691.

The letter referred to. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

July 17. 57. Report (or copy of report) of Robert Howard to the Lords of the Treasury, on the report of the Auditors of the Imprest, relating to two interest accounts of Sir Polycarpus Wharton, the executor of his father, Sir George Wharton, late Treasurer and Paymaster of the Ordnance. Dated 17 July 1791.

The report is in form of objections, and the remarks on them are *seriatim.*

Also another paper, headed "Abstract of the draught of a privy seal for passing Sir Polycarpus Wharton's acc^{t} as executor to Sir George Wharton, late Treãr of the Ordnance."

[These are apparently enclosures.] 4 *pages.*

July 17. 58. Letter of the Com^{rs} for Transportation to Henry Guy, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging his letter acquainting them that their Lordships had ordered them 1,000*l.*; 500*l.* of which was to be paid to Mr. Walter Middleton, and, in answer to their enquiry how they would dispose of the other 500*l.*? stating that they intended to pay (1), Major Somervale 110*l.* 14*s.*; (2), three ships, which carried horses from Biddeford to Waterford, 124*l.* 10*s.*; (3), to Mr. Gregs, who was engaged in this service at Whitehaven, 170*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* (for without him they had no credit there); and the remaining 94*l.* for a ship to transport Lieutenant-General Douglas' horses and equipage to Holland, the charge of which would be 192*l.* They had but 98*l.* in "bank," and the masters of ships nor others would deal with them, except for ready money. Dated 17 July 1691. 1½ *pages.*

July 17. 59. Letter from the Lords Committee for Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that Her Majesty had ordered a quantity of powder and shot to be despatched to Ireland, and the Com^{rs} of Transportation had no money to pay the freight; desiring their Lordships to furnish them with 300*l.* upon account of that service. Dated 17 July 1691.

Minuted:—"17 July 1691, don." ½ *page.*

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July 21. 60. Letter of the Com^rs of Transportation to William Blathwayt, Esq., Secretary-at-War, respecting Danish recruits lying windbound at Hylake, and concerning 200 others who were come nigh to Chester, and would speedily take off all the provisions; praying him to stop any more forces from marching that way until he was furnished with more money. There were provisions and stables in ships at Bristol for 120 Danish horses, which were marched another way. If other recruits were sent in their stead it would save the charge. Dated 21 July 1691. 1 *page.*

July 21. 61. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning permission to export 5,000 lb. of crewell to the north part of Guinea, by the Royal African Company. Dated 21 July 1691.
Minuted:—"Referred to Mr. Attorney. Granted."
Also an Order in Council of an anterior date, on a similar occasion. 2½ *pages.*

July 25. 62. Letter of [the Com^rs of Revenue] of Dublin to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that Mr. Peter Rondeau, a French Protestant merchant in that city, having applied to them by the inclosed petition, which fully stated his case, they laid it before their Lordships, together with the letters and bill of lading, and a letter they received from the collector of Waterford, by which they would see the great injury Capt. Price, commander of the "Smyrna," frigate, had groundlessly done to the merchants concerned in the cargo of the "Paul," of Penzance, and to their Majesties' revenue, by forcing the ship out of the harbour of Waterford, after she was boarded by an officer of the customs, whom the Captain sent away with the ship to Bristol. Further, that they could not see any pretence for making her prize, and hoped their Lordships would give order for her restoration to the master. Dated 25 July 1691.
Minuted:—"To be moved at the Privy Counsell."
Also the petition and the other papers. 7 *pages.*

[About July 27.] 63. Petition of Robert Banks, clerk, vicar of Hull, showing that Nicholas Anderson, clerk, late vicar of Hull, the petitioner's predecessor, was tenant to the Crown of the rectory of Kingston-upon-Hull, for a term of which a portion was unexpired, and the petitioner was then tenant; praying for renewal of the lease to make up his term to 21 years.
Minuted:—"Referred to the Surveyor-General." Lower down:—"27 July 1691." ½ *page.*

[About July 27.] 64. Letter to the Lords of the Treasury, signed C. Trelawny, as to his pay, and that of his servants, he being in command of a regiment of foot.
Minuted:—"Referred to Mr. Fox, 27th July 1691." ½ *page.*

[About July 27.] 65. Petition of James Pearse, surgeon, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he served King Charles the Second from the Restoration to the time of his death, and that a great part of his salary remained due; he afterwards served King James as his serjeant-surgeon, being obliged constantly to attend him in all progresses and removals, and that he had a great family and

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Minuted:—" Referred to the Comptroller of the Treasurer of the Chamber's Office, to know if that office hath not had money to pay the quarter within desired. 27 July 1691." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 28. 66. Letter of Samuel Atkinson, appointed to victual the forces in their transportation from Highlake to Ireland, stating that he had done his best in that service, but the provisions being taken up of divers tradesmen, and several of his bills drawn on the Com^rs^ of Transport at London lying long unpaid, he was daily expecting to be sued ; praying speedy payment for the gaining his lost reputation. His engagements (with salary) amounted to nigh 2,000*l.* The provisions were all expended and the recruits would be forced to stay, unless there was a supply of money, his credit being stretched to the utmost. 28 July 1691. 1 *page.*

[About July 28.] 67. Petition of Arthur Shallott, John Trevers, Francis Eyles, and Anthony Wilkes, on behalf of themselves and others whom they represented, concerned in the transport service, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had been engaged in the transport of army stores to Ireland, and that their Lordships by letter of 6 Oct. 1690, had directed the Com^rs^ of Transportation to give them certificates for a moiety of the moneys due, in order (as was hoped) to pay the same ; that they had received no part thereof, though eight months had elapsed, nor were they secured on any fund ; that the King had assured them he would take care of them, and they had the opinion of learned counsel that they were part of the army, and entitled to a share of the money given by Parliament for the reduction of Ireland ; that those employed were very many, in every seaport, from Whitehaven round to Berwick-upon-Tweed, so that the cries occasioned by the necessities of the poorer sort were very great ; several masters of ships being under arrests and imprisonment, for debts contracted in this service, others of them (yet out of gaols) were so disabled, that they could not refit their ships to go to sea, &c.; praying their Lordships to order their certified sums, in ready money or tallies ; and that all ships discharged and re-measured by Mr. Bowles might have their accounts stated to the time of their discharges, &c.

Minuted:—" July 28^th^, 1691. To the Commissioners of the Transports, that they make up the accounts of all ships measured by M^r^ Bowles to the time of their discharge." 1 *page.*

July 29. 68. Report of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, certifying the state of Mr. Henry Rowes' case, whose ship, the " Deborah," was hired at 13*s.* per ton, *per mensem*, and there was due to him 720*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*, and stating that they believed the case was very deplorable, as well as the other masters generally were. Dated 29 July '91.

Minuted:—" Hee shall have his share now, as the other transport ships in the service shall have." 2 *pages.*

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Aug. 1. 1. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir John Lithieulier, Knt., and other merchants of London, owners and freighters of the ship, "Expedition," concerning the infringement of the Navigation Laws by employment of foreigners; whereby he incurred a duty of 1 *per cent.*, advising that the duty be remitted. Dated 1 Aug. 1691.

Minuted :—"Agreed."

Accompanied by the petition. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 3. 2. Memorial of the Lord William Pawlett, receiver of the revenue of Green Wax, at a rent of 500*l. per ann.*, to the Lords of the Treasury; showing that "there was 500^li due to their Majesties, for a year's rent at Lady Day last; but his patent past not till June, & hath rec^d bnt 220^li of that revenue. Prays a qua^r may be remitted," &c.

With this minute :—"3 Aug. '91. Laid by." *One sheet.*

Aug. 3. 3. Report of Mr. W^m. Lowndes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the inhabitants of Mortlake, Putney, Kingston, Petersham, Ham, and Richmond, concerning the taxation of the New Park which was taken out of those parishes; advising that he cannot offer his opinion that the moneys assessed upon the park should be abated as the petitioners desired out of the remaining payments to be made by them; but that the Com^rs should cause the money charged upon the park to be re-assessed upon the division of the county in which it lay. Dated 3 Aug. 1691.

Minuted (1.):—"4 Aug^st 1691. The Lords upon reading this report do consent that the 4 quarterly payments sett upon New Park may be allowed or discharged by certificates, as formerly; and M^r Duncombe, the rec^r, to have notice thereof and to governe himselfe accordingly."

"(2^d.) 25 Sept. 91. Upon hearing M^r Attor. and M^r Duncomb in this matter, the Lords think this a matter of law, & more properly determinable in the Court of Exchequer, then at this Board." 6 *pages* (*brief size*).

The petition referred to.

Aug. 3. 4. Report of William Robinson to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the pay due to the regiment of foot, commanded by Brigadier Stewart, for four months from 1 May to 1 Sept., to which time most of the Irish army were cleared. Certified 3 Aug. 1691.

Accompanied by a letter, signed J. Bernard, addressed to Lord Godolphin, on the affairs of the said Brigadier Stewart. 3½ *pages.*

[About Aug. 3.] 5. Memorial of Lieut.-Col. Peirce, lieutenant-colonel to the regiment of foot commanded by Sir H. Bellasyse, stating that the regiment was ordered to embark for Flanders, and was unprovided with tents, clothes, baggage, horses, &c., and further that there was a great arrear due to them for the time they served in Ireland; praying for four months' pay. Without date.

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Minuted:—"3 Aug. '91. M[r] Fox to state what is due to them on their Irish arrears, & my L. Ranelagh to state what is due to them for their clearings since they came to England." 1 *page.*

Aug. 4. 6. Memorial (signed) of divers owners or masters of vessels, engaged in the transport service, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had continued above 24 months in that service, without their just pay, contrary to the tenor of their charter party; praying for at least 10 months' pay. Their Majesties' Com[r] had given them notice to be ready at an hour's time, and to provide sufficiently. The proposed tallies would not answer their necessities, being attended with a charge of at least 15 *per cent.*, &c. Dated 4 Aug. 1691 1 *page.*

Aug. 4. 7. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring Her Majesty's special warrant might be obtained, for allowing 800*l.* on the account of Mr. Carlton, who was collector of customs in the port of Cork, and who had paid the Earl of Marlborough that sum, which the latter required upon the unfortunate accident of blowing up the "Breda" frigate, wherein was the cash for subsisting the forces under his command. Dated Dublin Castle, 4 Aug. 1691.

Minuted:—"A warr[t] to be prepared and a copy of y[e] affidavit & acquittances to be sent to Mr. Fox. 28 Aug. '91."

An affidavit and copy of two receipts. 4 *pages.*

[About Aug. 4.] 8. Petition of Ensign Joseph Fearon, showing that he served as ensign in Col. Monroe's regiment in Londonderry the whole time of the siege, and after the siege was added to Col. Michelburne's regiment, and at the storming of the city of Limerick lost his leg, on 27 Aug. 1690; praying on account of his helpless condition to be provided for.

Referred by Her Majesty's order, 4 Aug. 1691, to the Lords of the Treasury to make him an allowance.

Minuted:—"To be recommended to my L[d] Ranelagh to be put into Chelsea Hospital, 31 Aug[t] '91."

Copy of a certificate bearing out the petition. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 5. 9. Presentment of the Com[rs] of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had represented on the 27th and 29th past that to put the transport ships into any condition to serve longer they must speedily be supplied with money, amounting to 15,528*l.* The owners of the ships there [? London] and at Bristol were very dissatisfied with the payment by tallies, by reason that the sum allowed if paid in ready money would scarce suffice to repair their ships and victual the men for three months, and pay a small part of the wages, and it would cost 15*l.* in the 100*l.* to put off their tallies; and therefore they prayed that tallies might be struck for so much more in the hundred, or double the allowance for repairs. The seamen at the out-ports were much in want of clothes and money to support their families; they would all desert, as many had

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done. They could not be furnished with shipping without ready money to transport from Cork to Ostend 10,000 foot and 600 horse, at a charge of 12,372*l.*, as they would be obliged to hire 4,124 tons of shipping to complete the tonnage necessary for that service.

Mr. Blathwayt had acquainted them that about 500 recruits for foreign regiments in Ireland were shortly to be transported from Highlake, and Capt. Atkinson informed them that the provisions at Highlake were spent, and no more to be had without "present money," his engagements being already near 2,000*l.* The charge of these provisions would be 150*l.* Their Lordships had ordered 1,200*l.* to be divided between Highlake and Bristol, out of which they intended to pay a bill of Capt. Atkinson's of 700*l.*, and the rest to Mr. Henley, and it would be a great discouragement to them if they were not paid. They had computed the charge of transporting from hence to Holland 110 men of the Guards, at 64*l.* They prayed their Lordships to remember their former presentment of 7,488*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, due for provisions, whereof 3,633*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* remained of the estimate of 16,133*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*, made in the previous January, which was approved by their Lordships, and payment thereof promised and ordered; in confidence whereof they proceeded to make provisions to carry men to Flanders and Ireland, which were not then paid for. Dated 5 Aug. 1691.

Also the presentment of 29 July referred to. 4½ *pages.*

Aug. 6. 10. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the bringing in of tobacco stalks from Holland and other places, which, by a new invention of rolling and pressing, supply the use of tobacco, to the great prejudice of the revenue; recommending the destruction of the stalks. Dated 6 Aug. 1691.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Aug. 11. 11. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, craving their Lordships' warrant in favour of the collectors of taxes being allowed the sums assessed on the gaugers for the poll tax, which the collectors had paid, and the gaugers were unable to repay. Dated 11 Aug. 1691.

Minuted:—"Agreed to, 28 Aug. '91."

Enclosing a previous memorial on the same subject dated 2 Oct 1690. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 11. 12. Letter docquetted:—"L^d Nottingham to L^ds of the Treãry in behalf of M^r Russell, minister of ye French church in Dublin; pension 50 li p an." Dated 11 Aug. 1691.

Minuted:—"To be respited till ye establishm^t of Ireland is settled. 28 Aug^t. '91." 1 *page.*

Aug. 11. 13. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury upon a memorial on behalf of the Earl of Derby; praying for the renewal of an order for permitting him to export and import, to and from the isle of Man, all such household provisions and other necessaries, free from customs and excise, as had been usually allowed; advising that the same privileges should be con-

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tinued as he and his ancestors had enjoyed; the report further draws attention to the hardships sustained by one of the officers of customs from the Earl and the Governor appointed by him. Dated 11 Aug. 1691.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Docquetted:—"Earl of Derby's mem^ll^ concerning household provisions to be exported & imported to & from the isle of Mann."

With two enclosures. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[About Aug. 12.] 14. Petition of Robert Kerington, linendraper, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, to be appointed as one of the landwaiters at the Custom House, London.

Referred to the Com^rs^ of Customs. 12 Aug. 1691. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 13. 15. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nehemiah Williamson, late searcher of the customs in the ports of Carlisle and Whitehaven, who was, as he states, removed from that office because he was prevented by violent sickness from taking the oaths and test; praying to have his great charge and loss of employment taken into consideration; the report leaves the matter to their Lordships' consideration. Dated 13 Aug. 1691.

Minuted:—"The C. C. to certifye the Lords what expence he hath been at for the King's service. 23 Nov. 1691."

Accompanied by the petition and six other documents. 9 *pages.*

[About Aug. 17.] 16. Memorial of Charles Lord Baltemore to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking that his agents might collect the impost and duties from such masters of ships as did not give bills in Maryland in August 1690, being 27 in number.

Referred to the Com^rs^ of Customs. 17 Aug. '91. 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 17.] 17. Petition of Roger Gressingham and partners, owners of the ship "Thomas and Elizabeth," to the Lords of the Treasury, for money to be issued to the Treasurer of the Ordnance for payment of the hire of their ship.

Referred to the Ordnance 17 Aug. '91. 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 17.] 18. Petition of Elinor Bonnett to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to a former petition and report (Vol. VIII., N^o^. 40), praying that her estate might be sold to pay her debts, and that she might have the remainder.

Minuted:—"Referred to Mr. Aaron Smith 17 Aug. '91." 1 *large page.*

[About Aug. 17.] 19. Petition of Nathaniel Pecock to the Lords of the Treasury praying for a *nolle prosequi*, he having shipped on board the "Griffith," for Amsterdam, eight iron guns without paying custom, which guns were seized.

Minuted:—"August 17^th^, 1691. Referred to the Commissioners of the Customes." 1 *page.*

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[About Aug. 28.] 20. Petition of Mr. Thomas Westrow to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the office of Treasurer of the Customs was vacant by the death of Mr. Fox; offering to give security to discharge the debt due from him, and to advance for His Majesty's service 10,000*l.*, in order to be intrusted in that capacity.

Minuted:—"August 28th, 1691. To be considered when the Board is full." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 29. 21. Report of Sir John Sommers, Knt., Solicitor-General, upon the report of the Comrs of Customs, made upon the petition of the governor and company of merchants of England trading to the Levant seas, touching the duties payable upon box-wood and a certain sort of ashes by them imported from the Levant, called weed-ashes, viz., as to whether or not box-wood and weed as imported from Turkey were chargeable with the new imposition upon East India goods, &c. Dated 29 Aug. 1691.

Minuted:—"September 2d, 1691, agreed to."

Also the petition and the Comrs report. They state that pot-ashes properly so called are made of wood twice burnt, and are used chiefly for the making of soap, that barillia or saffora are ashes made of a weed near Alicant and are also twice burnt, and are used for the making of glass; and that weed ashes of Turkey, or Egypt, are used for the same purposes as the barillia of Spain, and also for whitening linen, but are made of many sorts of weeds together, and pass but one operation of fire. 3½ *page.*

[?About Aug. 31.] 22. Petition of the Earl of Longford and the rest of the Comrs for the management of the forfeitures of the rebels of Ireland; complaining of the lameness and imperfection of their commission, so that their proceedings would not answer the end designed, all which they had represented to the King, but they had received no answer, stating that they had substituted persons of good quality and interest, and of the clearest reputation, in the several counties, as comrs for seizing and securing the forfeitures, whose returns they had delivered into the Court of Exchequer; that the seizures were of considerable value; that the petitioners did also secure to many Protestants their property and that they had answered above 1,000 petitions; praying to receive satisfaction for the six months time they were employed.

Accompanied by "An abstract of the forfeitures of goods & chattels to their Majties, which by vertue of a commission from their said Majties were seized & soe returnd in the severall counties of ye kingdom of Ireland."

Minuted:—"31 Augt '91. To be laid before ye King.

Also a list of the persons commissioned. 3 *large pages.*

[About Aug. 31.] 23. Petition of Maurice Reighnolds, harper in ordinary to their Majesties, showing that though he was sworn in his office on 12 Jan. 1689, he had not been placed on the establishment of the Treasurer

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Minuted:—"Respited 31 Aug^{t} '91. ½ *page.*

[About Aug. 31.] 24. Petition of Ed. Tyrringham, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was keeper by patent for life of the Middle Walk in the Great Park of Windsor; but that Baptist May obtained a grant of the same and King Charles II. settled a pension on the petitioner, of 100*l.* a year, in lieu thereof; praying for his said pension.

From memoranda on the dorse, this petition was under consideration at intervals between 31 Aug. 1691, and 29 May 1695, on which date there is this *minute:*—"To be considered when the K. returnes."

There is also a certificate written on it, in his favour, by the said Baptist May. ½ *sheet.*

[About Sept. 2.] 25. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland, on the petition of Dr. Gorges, showing that the estate of Patrick Barnwell was forfeited by rebellion in 1641, and one moiety was assigned to Dr. Gorges, and the other to divers soldiers, and afterwards the petitioner became entitled to the whole, but was ejected in 1689 by Patrick the grandson of the said Patrick, and other proceedings ensued thereon; recommending the acceptance of the former letters patent and the grant of others, according to the prayer of the petitioner. Referred 2 Sept. 1691.

Minuted:—"September 14, 1691. My Lords do not oppose the validity of his first letters patents, if they remaine good in law, but cannot advise the granting of new." *Again:*—"January 23, 1691. To be laid before the King." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 4. 26. Report of the Com^{rs} for the Revenue of Ireland, on the petition of the Lady Marchioness of Antrym, setting forth, "the incumbrances due to her Ladyship, on the estate of the late Earl of Antrym, particularly on the barony of Carylong, since set apart by the Marquis of Antrym for the payment of debts:" recommending the appointment of a commission of enquiry speedily, until which they cannot make a satisfactory report. Dated 4 Sept. 1691.

Minuted:—"The Comm^{rs} to take care to satisfy ye Marchioness in w^{t} is due to her, upon her jointure, unless they have any objections to ye contrary. 22 Sept. '91." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 4. 27. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them that the Queen would have them order the account to be stated of what was due upon the pensions to all the reformed French officers, and in the meantime allow them what they thought fit for their necessary subsistence. Dated 4 Sept. 1691.

Minuted:—"To bee laid before the Queene."

Also a report of Mr. Chas. Fox, dated 1 Sept. 1691, on the petition of several sick, wounded, and otherwise disabled French reformed

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officers, written on the back of the petition (*in French*). 3 *pages* (*quarto*).

Sept. 8. 28. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the Lords of the Admiralty had directed them by their order to provide passage and provisions for 420 men of the Duke of Bolton's regiment, to be carried to the Leeward Islands in the ships then bound thither, the usual rate for passage and provisions being 5*l.* a head; but they did not see how provision could be made for them by the 15th inst., when the ships were to sail from the Nore. The estimate amounted to 2,488*l.* 10*s.* Dated 8 Sept. 1691.

The copy of the order referred to. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 9. 29. Presentment by the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the order of the Com^rs^ of the Admiralty requiring them to provide passage and provisions for 420 men by the 15th of the month, at the Nore; setting forth the backwardness of the owners and masters of the ships to take in the soldiers, pretending the time was short, the soldiers would be unruly, and that they were bound to Barbadoes; that it would take up a month at least to get back from the Leeward Islands to Barbadoes, and if they undertook to carry soldiers to Barbadoes only, they would not carry them under 3*l.* a head, the Com^rs^ finding provisions, &c.; further they had discoursed with other commanders, who would be ready at the time prefixed, and had better accommodation, as they would go in ballast and would carry the troops to Barbadoes and provide for them at 5*l.* a head. In regard to the report that went about that there were no goods at the Leeward Islands, ships could not be had to carry them direct at less than 6*l.* a head. They sought advice as to which course should be adopted. Dated 9 Sept. 1691.

The following was added afterwards:—

"Since the drawing this presentment, and after Exchange time, wee have further discours'd with other masters who will take in the soldiers and carry them to the Leeward Islands at 3*l.* per head, or at 50 shillings, their Ma^ties^ findeing the provisions," &c. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 9. 30. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on an Order in Council, made upon the petition and proposals of William Carter, concerning his endeavours to cut off all trade and commerce with France. Dated 9 Sept. 1691.

Minuted:—"Respited."

Accompanied by a copy of the proposals and copies of the Order in Council, a warrant, and a previous report on the same subject. 5 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Sept. 10. 31. Order in Council on the petition of the agents of Maryland, praying that the several persons indebted by bills of exchange or otherwise for the duty of 12*d.* per hogshead on tobacco, might be proceeded against, as their Majestys' debtors, that so the agents

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might defray their charges and expenses, &c.; referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 10 Sept. 1691.

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 11. 32. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Grace, Mary, and Elizabeth Carr, daughters of the late consul in Holland, who had imported certain East India silks which were forfeited; and then prayed for their Majesties' part of the forfeiture. Dated 11 Sept. 1691.

Minuted:—"The King's part granted to the petitioners."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 21. 33. Report of the Com^rs^ of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Freeman Collins, praying payment of a bill of exchange drawn upon the office of Ordnance by the late Duke of Schomberg for 126*l.* 17*s.*, payable to the master of a vessel, who carried stores to Ireland and borrowed the above sum of the petitioner. Dated 21 Sept. 1691.

Minuted:—"Nothing can be don at present. 22 Sept. '91."

The petition, a letter from Mr. Henry Guy, and a certificate of the Duke of Schomberg relating thereto. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 21. 34. Report of Mr. Charles Chetwynd to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles Nicholas Eyre, Esq., carver to Her Majesty, who prayed for the grant of the office of constable of Hardleigh Castle, in North Wales, certifying that the office had been usually granted by their Majesties' predecessors by patent, and that Sir Evan Lloyd had a grant of it during pleasure, with the usual salary of 50*l. per ann.*, and that it was then void and would be a convenient thing for the petitioner. Dated 21 Sept. 1691.

Written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 23. 35. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a proposal for re-establishing the office of Surveyor General of the Customs; referring their Lordships to a report of the Board of 21 June 1689, on that subject, and further giving their Lordships an account of the manner in which that service was then performed, and concluding thus:—"That if such an office were set up it is not likely that it would fall into y^e^ hands of men of better knowledge and experience in the customs." Dated 23 Sept. 1691.

The copy of the report and the proposal referred to. 3 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 36. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Hinton Rogers, late clerk to Charles Dering, Esq. late controller of the hearth money, as to the payment of the salaries of the clerks. Dated 24 Sept. 1691.

Minuted:—"It is not properly before y^e^ L^ds^. 13 Oct. 1691."

The petition, an affidavit, and a letter. 3½ *pages.*

Sept. 26. 37. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Dereham, that they do not object to the payment of the petitioner's arrears and salary as

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controller of the port of Lynn Regis, the office having been well executed by deputies. Dated 26 Sept. 1691.
Minuted :—" Granted, j. x^br '91."
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 30. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Hardwick, late receiver general of hearth money for the counties of Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall, speaking highly of him as a meritorious officer, and certifying that he returned to London the greatest part of the money he received by Thomas Morris, the Exeter carrier, who, soon after the King's landing in the west, failed, and had in his hands 200*l.* and more, paid him by the petitioner, and the petitioner was forced to accept 110*l.* for his debt; recommending the allowance to him of the 90*l.* Dated 30 Sept. 1691.
Minuted :—" Agreed."
Accompanied by his petition and an affidavit. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 39. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Matthias Miller, controller of the customs in the port of Carlisle; advising that he should be allowed his arrears of 40*s. per ann.*, as formerly paid, for returning his port books and the accruing allowance for the future, as well as some other recompence for considerable services done for the revenue, which were not incumbent on his office. Dated 2 Oct. 1691.
Minuted :—" The arrears to be p^d 2 Oct. '91."
Accompanied by the petition and a memorandum. 2½ *pages.*

[About Oct. 2.] 40. " Debt. State of the workes and buildings to Michmas '91." A paper so docquetted, containing an account of the whole debt owing in the office of their Majesties' works, pursuant to their lordships' directions of 2 Oct. 1691. 1 *large page* (*imperfect*).

Oct. 5. 41. Memorial of Mr. John Lithered to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he attended the Com^rs of Customs with Mr. Hough, who came to town on Saturday, and he believed he was more indisposed in mind than body, the true reason being that he had been tampering with persons to set their names to certain certificates, which (the petitioner would undertake to make appear, by affidavits from substantial well-affected persons about Margate,) were for the most part criminals in that affair, as well as himself, especially Francis Diggs and others, who were as true French and self-interested persons as Mr. Wells, the officer at Sandwich, was, or as Mr. Hough himself was when an officer in Sussex, or Sir Nicholas Butler when a Com^r of Customs, and he wished that there was not reason to expect that there were some " of the same kidney " at the Hon. Board at that time. The petitioner avers that it was commonly reported that he was gone to France almost as soon as he got out of sight, and his wife was abused by the mob, who rent her clothes from her and her flesh in several parts, telling her her husband was a rogue and gone to France to sell us, notwithstanding which the Com^rs credited his certificate more than the petitioner's certificate. Dated 5 Oct. 1691.

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A brief note from the petitioner to Sir John Lowther, Bart., praying that the foregoing might be read at the same time as the report from the Comrs of Customs.

[*See* the report referred to, dated 7 Oct. 1691.] 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 6. 42. Report of officers of the Ordnance Office, on the petition of the gunmakers of London, which showed that 20,000*l.* was due to them, that they were prevented making arms for the Irish militia, for which 10,000*l.* in ready money would have been paid to them, &c.; giving as their opinion that it will utterly ruin the petitioners if their Lordships compel them to take tallies for the moneys due, and recommending the payment of 6,000*l.* to them then, and the rest weekly. Dated 6 Oct. 1691.

Minuted :—" To be provided for out of ye funds already assigned for ye Ordnance 9 Octobr 1691."

The petition referred to and another petition on the same subject.

Also a further paper containing the case of the gunmakers of London. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 6. 43. " The Representation of ye Comrs for stateing ye accompts of the army in Ireland to the Honble ye Comrs appointed by Parliament for ye examination of all publicque accompts in England."

There is a memorandum that it was received Oct. 6, 1691. 6 *pages.*

Oct. 7. 44. Letter signed by Edward Peirs and three other [East India seamen], dated ship " Cæsar," to the Hon. Mr. Hamden, stating that they had been " protected " to serve the King against the East India Company, to give evidence for the prizes taken from the Great Mogul; praying for their salary.

Letter on the same subject, signed Ri. Hutchinson, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, saying " Wee have done wth them (*i.e.* the seamen) and their Lops may doe what they please to be rid of them, & that he had no fund." Dated 7 Oct. 1691. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Oct. 7. 45. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Randall Wilmer, Esq., late collector of the petty customs in the port of London; in favour of his being paid three quarters of a year's salary, due to him as customer and collector of petty customs inwards, at 62*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* Dated 7 Oct. 1691.

Minuted :—" Granted, 9 Octobr 1691.

Also the petition and a memorandum. 1 *page and* 3 *halves.*

Oct. 7. 46. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the annexed papers of complaint from John Watkins and John Lithered, against Abraham Hough the officer at Margate, for discovering and making known the design and business which the said Lithered was employed in, by Her Majesty's particular order, to the great hazard of his life on his arrival at Calais, and also for taking away and securing in their Majesty's warehouse certain goods, which were brought over by Lithered, and colourably seized

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by Watkins, the better to prevent any suspicion of them both in England and France; exculpating Hough from the charge made against him, and advising that half the moiety of the value of the goods might be disposed of between Watkins and Lithered, and as a farther reward that they might be recompensed with their Majesties' moiety of the goods after condemnation. Dated 7 Oct. 1691.

In the affidavit by John Lithered he says, "So soon as this dep^{t} arriv^{d} in France, he & his company were taken into custody, being discovered by means of the s^{d} Huff as this dep^{t} verily believeth, to Sir James Garrendine, agent at Dunkirk for the late K. James."

The report is accompanied by 12 papers relating thereto. 14 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

Oct. 7. 47. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Nicholas Paige, owner, and Nicholas Lawrence, master of the ketch, "Salisbury;" concerning certain goods shipped by them from Liverpool and seized at Boston, new England, as goods and merchandise of the growth, production, and manufacture of Europe. Dated 7 Oct. 1691.

Minuted:—"The Lords will not agree to y^{e} discharging of M^{r} Page. 13 Oct. 1691."

Accompanied by the petition and two other papers relating to the same. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[About Oct. 9.] 48. Petition of Edwd. Peirce and other mariners, belonging to the ship "Cæsar," who were detained at home in order to appear as witnesses for their Majesties against the East India Company; praying the same allowance that had been paid to the mariners of the ship "Charles," they having attended ever since the 26 Jan. 1690 and not being yet discharged.

Minuted:—"The prosecutors must pay 'em, 9 Oct. 1691." 1 *page.*

[?About Oct. 12.] 49. Sir Christopher Wren's answer to the petition of Sidney Wortley, Esq., and Christopher Mountagu, Esq., which states that a piece of land in Cannon Row, in the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, was devised to the petitioners by Edward Mountagu, whose executors they were, which land the said Edward had leased to Stephen Hopwood, who had assigned it to Sir Christopher Wren, from whom there was a great arrear of rent due to the petitioners, which he refused to pay.

On the dorse:—"October 12th, 1691. To S^{r} Christopher Wren & M^{r} Attorney to bee heere on Friday in the afternoone."

Also the petition which was referred to Sir Chr. Wren on 30 June 1691. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 50. Report of Lord Ranelagh on the memorial of the Earl of Monmouth, as to men detached from the regiment commanded by him, and sent to Flanders and Ireland; as to payment of levy money to the said Earl to fill up his regiment; as to officers and soldiers respited by him, and as to pay to be allowed. Dated 15 Oct. 1691.

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The memorial, a list of the respites of the officers, and an inventory and valuation of corporals', drummers', and soldiers' apparel.

Also a duplicate copy of the memorial and the other papers except the report. 11 *pages.*

Oct. 18. 51. Letter of Francis Huddleston addressed to Henry Guy, Esq., at the Treasury Chamber, stating that it was his design to put in for general receiver of the next "sess." which should be granted to their Majesties in Yorkshire. Sir John Lowther was always very kind to him, and he was well known to Mr. Pellam, at Oxford. Dated 18 Oct. 1691. 1 *page.*

Oct. 19. 52. Presentment by the Com^rs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that Mr. Frenly complained very much of want of money. He had disbursed 1,969*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*, and had orders to buy 20,000 bushels of oats, and there was due to Capt. Atkinson, for provisions at Highlake, 830*l.* 13*s.* 8¼*d.*, and no more stores could be had but for ready money; praying for a present supply. Dated 19 Oct. 1691. 1 *page.*

Oct. 19. 53. Copy of report of the Lords of the Admiralty, on the petition of Martin Perse, gent., concerning the amount due to him (754*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*) as executor to John Chudleigh, who was purser of their Majesties' ships, the "Bonaventure" and "Reserve," upon five navy bills; giving their opinion that the bills ought to be paid in their course. Dated 19 Oct. '91.

Accompanied by the petition, which is *minuted*:—"To be paid in course, 24th Nov. 1691." 2 *half pages.*

[About Oct. 20.] 54. Petition of Israel Hayes to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a renewal of a lease of East Coom farm, late in his father's possession, which he sought to obtain in opposition to one Mr. Saunderson.

Accompanied by a certificate, signed G. Hayes, certifying that she, in concurrence with her son John and daughter Elizabeth, had sold to Mr. Saunderson her interest in the lease of the lands, but did not intend to prejudice her late husband's eldest son, Israel Hayes, in his hopes of the reversion of the lands.

Minuted:—"For the King, 20th Oct. 1691." 1½ *pages.*

[About Oct. 20.] 55. Petition of Capt. Ralph Sanderson to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a renewal of his lease of East Comb farm, near Greenwich, which was opposed by Mr. Hayes.

In support of his claim he states, "that he hath served the Crown att sea neer 30 years, in places of very great trust & experience; but more particularly he had the hono^r to comand the yatch which transported their present Ma^ties into Holland after the happy celebration of their marriage here," &c.

Minuted:—"For y^e King, 20th Oct. 1691." 1 *page.*

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Oct. 26. 56. Presentment of the Com^rs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that His Majesty's pleasure had been signified to them that they should provide for and ship three regiments of horse and one of dragoons, to Moredijcke or Williamstadt, in Holland, being 1,680 horses, and as many riders; sending an estimate amounting to 5,471*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*, but stating, that without ready money they could not obey the King's commands. Dated 26 Oct. 1691. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 57. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending the taking of Sir Eliab Harvey's house in Broad Street for 21 years, at 350*l.* a year, in consideration that the excise office had been kept there for many years, and that it stood well for business, in the heart of the city; praying, if their Lordships approved thereof, that they would make allowance for the same. Dated 26 Oct. 1691.

Minuted:—"Agreed to the report." 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 58. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith, on the petition of James Herbert, Esq., who prayed that the interest in the rectory and tithes of Milton, *alias* Middleton, in the county of Kent, held by Sir Edward Scott from the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, and by him forfeited for rebellion, might be assigned to him, the said tithes being more commodious to the petitioner than any other, and arising out of his own lands. Dated 27 Oct. 1691.

Minuted:—"19 Apr. '92. To be laid before y^e King at his returne. Granted." 3 *pages.*

[About Oct. 28.] 59. Petition of James Bleau, surgeon to the regiment under the command of the Hon. St. George [*sic*], showing that the regiment, in their return from Ireland, by the tediousness of passage, badness and scarcity of provisions, had 650 of the officers and soldiers seized with malignant and pestilential fevers, which was an extraordinary charge to him for medicine; praying for payment of 60*l.* and two months respites, and allowance for medicines for the future.

Minuted:—"October 28^th, 1691. Given to the King;" *and* "24^th Nov. 1691, not proper for the Lords to move the King." 1 *page.*

Oct. 29. 60. Presentment by the Com^rs of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending that 50*l.* be given to Capt. Billop, as a further encouragement, above the tonnage of 10*s.* a ton allowed to the captors of prize vessels, under the King's declaration, the captain having succeeded in capturing a hoy of 36 tons burthen, laden with tin plates, wire, blacking, &c., and having obtained her condemnation as prize. Dated 29 Oct. 1691.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 30. 61. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edward Folkingham and Andrew Lopez, of London, merchants, concerning certain elephants' teeth imported by them, offering their opinion that the prosecution by way of *devene-*

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runt was vexatious, and they saw no reason why *nolle prosequi* might not be entered. Dated 30 Oct. 1691.

Minuted:—"A letter to Mr Attorney to enter a *nolle prosequi*."

Accompanied by the petition and three other documents. 5½ *pages*.

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Nov. 2. 1. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the governor and company of merchants of London, trading to the East Indies, as to the refusal to accept their bills under their common seal, for the customs of their goods and the demand for personal security for the same. Dated 2 Nov. 1691.

Also the petition. 2 *pages*.

Nov. 4. 2. Mr. Rowe's report about Count Beveridge's levy money. Dated 4 Nov. 1691.

Also the muster roll of the troops disbanded, Jan. 8, 1688. 1½ *pages*.

Nov. 6. 3. Report of R. Cotton and Thos. Frankland, Postmasters General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Leasson and Ashburnham Frowde, stating that they found that the petitioners stood charged in the books of the Post Office as alphabet keepers in the Foreign Office, with the sum of 529*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, due from Don Pedro D'Ronq̃ullo, late Spanish ambassador, for his letters and packets from foreign parts, asking their Lordships to write to the Governor of Jamaica (where the ambassador had property) to seize what would satisfy the debt. Dated 6 Nov. 1691.

There is a minute on the dorse to write to the Governor, &c.

Accompanied by the petition and two certificates. 3 *pages and two halves*.

Nov. 7. 4. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Deborah Dionis, advising the issue of a fresh warrant for the importation of certain chocolate. Dated 7 Nov. 1691.

Minuted:—"To be done according to the report, 24th Nov. 1691."

Also three other papers. 4½ *pages*.

Nov. 10. 5. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lewis Sowlade, a French Protestant, praying for a *nolle prosequi* for having entered certain coarse Jersey stockings as Jersey woollen hose, whereby they were forfeited. Dated 10 Nov. 1691.

Minuted:—"To remit him the King's part."

The petition and an affidavit. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves*.

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Nov. 11. 6. "An estimate for repairing the dammage don by the fire at Kensington Novr 11th 1691." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 12. 7. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Dutton Colt, Esq., collector of customs in the port of Bristol, who, suspecting a combination amongst the officers in that port, planted one he thought might be confided in with the suspected officers, and on board the "Bristol Merchant" the factor detected the officers and merchants in combination, and the petitioner recovered for the King 2,772*l.*, besides 500*l.* which the officers were fined; the officers were also condemned to stand publicly in Bristol at the assize time, with a paper signifying their crimes. Advising that he deserved a gracious recompence from the King. Dated 12 Nov. 1691.

The petition and another enclosure. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 8. Computation of the fees and charges of the installation of the Elector of Brandenburgh and Duke of Zell [as a Knight of the Garter]. Dated 13 Nov. 1691.

Headed—"Fees payable by the Soveraign of ye Order for the installation of a Forraign Prince."

The fees amounted to 368*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and were shared by the Registrar of the Order [of the Garter], the Dean and Canons of Windsor, and divers others.

This note is added at the foot:—"The dinner will amount to about 100l more, but that is to be order'd by the Board of Green-cloth."

The following appears to be the *minute* on it, "Nil 11 Apr. '92." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Nov. 14. 9. Certificate signed Charles Fielding, showing that Lieut. Martin Laycock in the late Lieut.-General Douglas' regiment was wounded at Limerick, and behaved himself honourably, as became a soldier. Dated 14 Nov. 1691. ½ *page* (*quarto*).

Nov.14 10. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of Mons. Hop, concerning the visiting and searching the captain of a Dutch man-of-war as he was passing in his boat from his ship towards London, and taking two packets from him: justifying the proceedings of the officers of customs. Dated 14 Nov. 1691.

Accompanied by the petition (*in French*) and three other enclosures. 9½ *pages.*

Nov. 16. 11. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the informations in which Mr. Colt was concerned against several merchants at Bristol were exhibited by *devenerunt* for the forfeiture of the value of the goods, and the fines payable upon the compositions for the forfeitures were payable into the receipt of the Exchequer, and not accounted as customs or additional duty. Dated 16 Nov. 1691. 1 *page.*

Nov. 17. 12. Report of the agents for taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Wm. Cawthorpe and Christopher Randes, receivers of the county of Lincoln, of the 12*d.* aid and other aids, as to the

1691. allowance to be made to them for bringing the same to the Exchequer. Dated 17 Nov. 1691.

Minuted:—"24 July '94, agreed to."

The petition and a schedule of the expenses.

"They recommended 124*l.* to be allowed." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 20. 13. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter from Mr. Bridgman touching a complaint made to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, that Mr. Waring, the collector of Deal, had forcibly taken several wrecked goods out of the possession of the serjeant of the Admiralty of those ports; stating that they had directed their officer to insist upon the custody of the goods until the duties were paid. Dated 20 Nov. 1691.

Minuted:—"23 Nov. 1691. A coppy of this to be sent to my L^d^ Sidney with the proclamac̃on." 1 *page.*

Nov. 23. 14. Certificate of Robert Howard as to the grant made to William Bridges, Esq., who was appointed to the office of deliveries of all manner of ordnance, showing what was due to him, and as to another grant to him of the office of storekeeper of the Ordnance, showing what was due to him for this office. Dated 23 Nov. 1691.

Minuted:—"Respited, Jan 23, '91–2."

Also his petition, praying to be paid. 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 23.] 15. Petition of the Lady Russell to the King, praying for the grant of a lease for 31 years of the farm called Horrards farm, if the Lady Frances and the Lady Althamia Vaughan, or either of them, should so long live. The King held a lease of the farm from the Dean and Chapter of Winchester.

Minuted:—"The King releases his interest to the Dean and Chapter, 23 Nov. 1691." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Nov. 24. 16. Petition of William Banks to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that Col. Thomas King, deceased, had 300*l.* *per ann.* paid him in the consideration of 5,000*l.* due to him from King Charles II., and on the credit of the same the petitioner had lent him 126*l.*, to be paid by instalments; but before he received the first payment the colonel died: praying payment of the same with interest. Dated 24 Nov. 1691.

Minuted:—"Mr. Squib to stop some of the money when it comes to be paid." 12 April 1692. 1 *page.*

Nov. 24. 17. Report of R. Cotton and Thos. Frankland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mrs. Alice Price, in the behalf of her husband Thomas Price, the present deputy postmaster of Stourbridge, in Worcestershire; finding that the said Price in 1686 undertook to perform the stage between that place and Cosell, in Warwickshire, without salary or advantage more than a halfpenny a letter, above the postage from such of the inhabitants as would voluntarily pay it; and they believed he was a loser and unable to pay what was

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due to their Majesties, viz., 91*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* : recommending him to their Lordships' favour. Dated 24 Nov. 1691.

Minuted :—"Agreed to. 1 x^br^ '91."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 24.] 18. Petition of Dr. John Jones to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was continued as apothecary to the household upon their Majesties' accession to the Crown ; that their Lordships had signified their pleasure that Mr. Chase should be apothecary to the person, and Mr. Rottermont apothecary to the household; praying payment of the allowance due to him.

Minuted :—"24th Nov. 1691. A certificate where used to be paid."

There is also this further *minute* :—"This is to be considered when there is any disposition to y^e^ Treasurer [of the] Chamber's office."

Certificate of his admission to the office.

Also another petition praying for what was due to him. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 25. 19. Presentment of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to their presentment of 26 Oct., and stating that their Lordships promised 500*l.* a week should be paid them ; but 1,500*l.* only had been ordered, whereas that was the "fifth disposition day," and three of the regiments were to be embarked on Friday next. The masters would expect to receive half their freight, and the rest to be secured before they sailed. They had presented on the 9th inst. that 7,695*l.* was necessary to begin to hire ships and buy provisions for the forces to be brought from Ireland, and their Lordships had promised it should be paid on the previous Saturday ; for want whereof Mr. Henley, at Bristol, and others in other ports, were at a stand, for nothing but ready money would satisfy. Further estimating the cost of sending two regiments of foot from Leith to Mooredijck in Holland, viz., at 1*l.* per man and 4*l.* per horse, at 2,040*l.* praying their Lordships to order that sum. Dated 25 Nov. 1691. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 25. 20. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Edward Randolph, appointed Surveyor General of Customs in North America, certifying that there was nothing in their deputation or instructions to interfere with the business of surveying the woods upon the coasts of Virginia, Maryland, New York, and the more northerly parts of New England and Nova Scotia, in case it should be thought fit to employ the said Randolph therein for the preservation of the woods, in like manner as was granted to Mr. Brenton for the provinces of Maine and New Hampshire, in New England. Dated 25 Nov. 1691.

Report from Mr. Blathwayt to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Randolph ; letter from him to the Lords of the Treasury, and "A discours how to render the plantations more beneficiall & advantageous to this kingdome." 8 *leaves.*

Nov. 25. 21. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Henry Villiers, of Brigadier Steuart's regiment,

1691. then in their Majesties' service in Ireland ; stating that it was the King's pleasure that he should be allowed on the musters in Ireland, notwithstanding his absence from thence, by reason of his attendance on their Majesties' service as Governor of Tinmouth, &c. Dated 25 Nov. 1691.

Minuted :—" Agreed to when y^e^ regim^t^ comes to be cleared. 1 x^br^ 91."

The petition, and a copy of the King's warrant. 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 27.] 22. Petition of Edward Randolph to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that 101*l.* 15*s.* were due to him, for which the Com^rs^ of the Navy had given him a bill, registered, to take its course ; praying that their Lordships would assign what was due to him, that he might provide for his sea voyage.

Minuted :—" November 27^th^, 1691. Hee must leave some one to looke after it, when it comes in course to bee paid." 1 *page (quarto).*

[Nov.]. 23. A bill of law charges for their Majesties' Com^rs^ and Governors of the revenue of hearth money ; beginning Trinity Term 1691, to the end of Michaelmas Term 1691. 15 *pages.*

[? Nov. or Dec.] 24. " Necessaries de termino Sancti Michaelis anno regni Gulielmi et Mariæ R^is^ et Regine tertio, anno domini 1691." [They are chiefly stationery articles. Michaelmas term ended 28 November.] 1 *long page.*

April to Nov. 25. Part of a collection of papers, marked 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10, probable enclosures relating to the affairs of Barbadoes. Three are receipts by Mr. Thos. Sadleir for goods delivered him out of the Custom House, to supply the Duke of Bolton's regiment in the Caribbee Islands, and four are receipts by Col. Kendall for his salary. 7 *pages, or parts of pages.*

Dec. 2. 26. Presentment of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that their Lordships had promised on 26 Oct., 5,471*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* should be paid by 500*l.* a week, for conveyance of dragoons to Holland, one week of which had been missed, which they prayed might be made up. On the 12th ult. they presented that 7,698*l.* was necessary, to hire ships and buy provisions for the great number of forces to be brought from Ireland, and their Lordships had promised it should be paid the following week, upon which Mr. Henley at Bristol, and other correspondents, were promised half a month's pay in hand to the ships which should come into the service, and ready money for provisions, but as it was not paid, everything was at a stand. The readiest way to transport the regiments of foot from Leith to Holland would be to carry them by the head, the men at 20*s.* each, and the horses at 4*l.* each, which would amount to 2,040*l.*, and they prayed that sum might be ordered. Dated 2 Dec. 1691. 1¾ *pages.*

Dec. 2. 27. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ozee Belin, a French Protestant, praying to be discharged of His Majesty's part of a parcel of cloths, stuffs, &c., by

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him compounded for, by licence of the Court of Exchequer, which had been seized as forfeited for non-payment of customs. Not objecting to their Lordships' clemency, if they saw fit to exercise it. Dated 2 Dec. 1691.

Minuted:—"Granted."

The petition in French, and a translation thereof. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 3. 28. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on an order of the Committee for Trade and Plantations, and the copy of a petition thereunto annexed touching the ketch "Salisbury," and certain goods about which there was an appeal from a judgment given in the Court of Assistants in Boston in New England; advising that there was no cause for the seizure or forfeiture of the ship and goods, and submitting the matter to favourable consideration. Dated 3 Dec. 1691.

Minuted:—"Granted."

There are other proceedings touching the same matter, which is reported on under the date 7 Oct. 1691. *See* Vol. XV. No. 47.

Also four enclosures. 7 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 29. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing copies of two memorials from the General Assembly of Virginia, for leave to erect a grammar school and college in that colony; praying them to give their opinion on the memorials, that he might lay them before the King, who was disposed to grant the prayer of them. Dated 7 Dec. 1691.

The copies of the memorials not now with the letter. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Dec. 7. 30. Report of Mr. John Knight, Receiver General and Cashier of Customs, on the petition of Tho. Fairfax, Esq., son and heir of Col. Chas. Fairfax, deceased, certifying that the perpetuity of 100*l.* a year out of the customs at Hull, granted to the said Charles Fairfax by King Charles II., for eminent services, had been paid to Christmas 1688, and no longer. The petition prayed for a dormant warrant, for payment of the same as formerly. Dated 7 Dec. 1691.

Minuted:—"A dormant warrant for the payment."

The report written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 11. 31. Presentment by theCom^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, estimating the cost of bringing over from Ireland the regiment of horse commanded by Col. Villiers and the Marquis de Ruvigny (consisting of 1,000 horse and riders) at 1,109*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* Dated 11 Dec. 1691. 1 *page.*

Dec. 11. 32. Report of Sir George Treby, on a case reported on by the Com^rs^ of Customs on 24 July 1691, touching the export of tanned hides, shipped near three months before the year allowed for exportation elapsed, but, from various causes, re-landed and re-shipped; giving his opinion that the petitioners should enjoy the benefit of the debenture for the said hides. Dated 11 Dec. 1691.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Written on the back of the Com^rs^ report.

Also two enclosures. 3½ *pages.*

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Dec. 12. 33. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Ford, gent., who sought to be appointed searcher of the port of Chichester, in place of Miles Edgar, who had grown old and was willing to resign in his favour. Dated 12 Dec. 1691.

Minuted :—"Granted."

The petition, and a certificate in his favour. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

Dec. 12. 34. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Tracy Pauncefort and partners, who had clothed the Dutch regiment in Ireland, expressing his opinion that it might be reasonable they should receive what was due, viz., 6,981*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* Dated 12 Dec. 1691.

The last minute is :—"To speak w^th M^r Fox 23^th Feb^y 1691–2." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 12. 35. Report of William Tailer, deputy surveyor, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Strode, Esq., praying for satisfaction to be given him for a piece of ground called the Lambhay near the Royal citadel at Plymouth, alleging that the same, with several houses, keys, &c., erected thereon of a considerable value, were in or about the year 1660 converted to the use of the Crown, and thereby he had received considerable damage; tracing the holdings of the ground from 1656, giving various particulars about them, and advising that it might be proper for their Lordships to send to the Earl of Bath, then Governor of the fort, and to his deputy governor, &c., to view the lands called the Lambhay, and the buildings thereon, and to return their value, what further improvements might be made, what leases of the same were in being, &c., and upon the return thereof their Lordships might advise their Majesties to give the petitioner reasonable satisfaction, as was done for Sir Edward Hungerford and others, in the like case, about 1673, for their lands taken into the same fort, or else the petitioner might be restored to his land, have liberty to build and be compensated for his damage already sustained. Dated 12 Dec. 1691. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 16. 36. Presentment of the Com^rs for Transportation, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to their last presentment, and estimating the charge for transporting from hence to Holland by the 5th of the month one troop of guards and three regiments of horse, in all 1,100 horses and riders, and two battalions of foot guards, being 1,600 men and 100 officers' horses at 4,829*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* The Duke of Leinster's regiment being stopped in the river by contrary winds till their eight days' provisions were spent had to be revictualled for eight days more, viz., for 339 horses and riders 155*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* Only 3,000*l.* had been ordered in payment of the 5,471*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* for carrying three regiments of horse and one of dragoons, praying for the remainder. They had received orders to transport from Leith to Moredijck a third regiment of foot, besides the two regiments, consisting of 900 men and 30 officers' horses; the cost, at 21*s.* per head and 4*l.* per horse, would be 1,065*l.* They

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were obliged to give 1*s.* a head more on 1,800 men, viz., 90*l.* They prayed for ready money to carry out these services. Dated 16 Dec. 1691. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 18. 37. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the petition of Wm. Briggs, Esq., Marshal of the King's Bench, praying for the payment of his expenses for executing Godfrey Crosse, attainted of high treason, and for carrying down one John Davyes to Buckingham, to stand in the pillory, and seven others to Bury St. Edmunds to stand in the pillory there, recommending that he be allowed 60*l.* 10*s.* Dated 18 Dec. 1691.

Minuted:—"Let the Sheriffe of Surrey allow the 60. 10. 0 mentioned in this report, & hee shall bee allowed it in his accounts."

Also the petition. 2 *sheets.*

Dec. 19. 38. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Hugh Redman, of London, merchant, stating that they did not object to a *nolle prosequi* being entered, the petitioner having imported certain pearl-ashes of the growth and manufacture of Germany, which he had entered as pot-ashes. Dated 19 Dec. 1691.

Minuted:—"29 Dec. 1691. Granted."

The petition and an affidavit. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[About Dec. 19.] 39. Petition of Dame Margaret Napier, relict of John Brisbane, Esq., late Secretary of the Admiralty, addressed to the King, showing that her husband was brought up in the Navy, and after 20 years' service was appointed Secretary to the Admiralty, in which he served some years, till ordered to go Envoy Extraordinary into Portugal, in a few days after which he died; in consideration of whose services King Charles the Second had promised a pension of 300*l.* *per ann.*, but as he died soon after the petitioner received nothing; praying that the same might be made good to her.

Minuted:—"To have 100*l.* a yere. 19 Dec. '91." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

April 20 to Dec. 19. 40. Four papers respecting timber trees, sold for dotards at a reduced rate, and other matters connected with the New Forest, viz.:

1. Letter of Philip Ryley to William Jephson, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers in Whitehall; sending a copy of the order of the Duke of Bolton to the keepers of the New Forest, not to suffer dotard or timber trees to be felled without his order, under pain of dismissal;

2. Letter of the Duke of Bolton;

3. The Duke of Bolton's answer to Ryley's memorial; and

4. A letter signed "Walter Laycock." 7 *pages and* 3 *half pages.*

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Dec. 23. 41. Presentment of the Comrs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, recapitulating much of the one dated 16 Dec., and in addition stating that they had received orders to send from Portsmouth to Holland the Lord Castleton's regiment, 925 foot, in some Dutch men-of-war, lying at Spithead, except 300 men who were to be shipped in hired ships, the cost of which would be 388*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* They had received only 4,000*l.* of the 5,471*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* for carrying the three regiments to Moordijck ; praying for ready money. Dated 23 Dec. 1691. 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 42. Certificate of the grant of an annuity of 200*l.* a year, having been made for 21 years in the year 1669, to Mrs. Catharine Gunter, the payment of which was in arrear. Dated 23 Dec. 1691. 1 *page.*

Dec. 25. 43. A paper relating to allowances due at Christmas 1691 to Peter Guenon de Beaubuisson, admitted to the office of master of His Majesty's setting dogs at Lady Day 1689. 1 *page.*

[About Dec. 29.] 44. Petition of Lieut. Laycock to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the disbursement of his pay, without which he would be debarred of his preferment, and for ever ruined.
Minuted :—" Ref. to Mr. Fox, 29 Decr." 1 *page.*

[About Dec. 29.] 45. Petition of the copyholders of their Majesties' manor of Kirton-in-Lindsey, in the county of Lincoln, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the manor was parcel of the duchy of Cornwall, and that all the copyhold lands within the same were under the yearly value of 300*l.* ; that the tenants from the reign of Henry VIII. to 18 Charles II., paid but 4*d.* fine on renewals, but that then the copyhold fines had been leased as uncertain, &c. ; praying for leave to prepare a bill in order to obtain an Act of Parliament for establishing the certainty of their fines at 4*d.* upon every admittance.
Minuted :—" 29th Dec. 1691. The Lords doe not think fitt to give leave." 1 *page.*

Dec. 30. 46. Presentment of the Comrs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, recapitulating much of the one dated 16 Dec., and in addition, stating that there remained 1,014*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* due of the 5,471*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* for carrying three regiments to Moordijck. They were ordered to find shipping and necessaries for 5,580 foot and 240 horses from Hull to Holland next month ; the freight of the men would be, at 15*s.* a head, 4,185*l.*, and that of the horses, at 3*l.* 10*s.* each, 340*l.* ; the other expenses, 1,873*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* Without ready money the services could not be undertaken. Dated 30 Dec. 1691. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 31. 47. A statement of the balance due, 31 Dec. 1691, to the regiment commanded by the Lord Gallway, together with the objections made by the agent, and his cravings for allowance.

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Minuted:—"The King will beare the charge of the reformed officers."

Accompanied by a note from the agent to Henry Guy, Esq. 2 *pages and a small piece.*

Dec. 48. Docquets of Privy Seals from the Privy Seal Office, month by month, from May to December 1691.

Of the nature of a calendar of grants and warrants. 24 *pages and 5 half pages.*

[Perhaps about 1690 or 1691.] 49. Petition of "the 3 distressed widdows of Londonderry in Irland" to the Lord Treasurer, showing that Lord Sunderland had ordered them to wait on him; they were starving in a strange place, and prayed for the bestowal of what his Lordship thought fit, to carry them home; otherwise they were likely to undergo another siege where they "were forced to eat cats and dogs," their children starved to death, and their husbands (who were lieutenants) killed. They add that they had not eaten anything for four days, but a little nettles boiled in water.

Undated; the siege referred to was that of Londonderry in 1689. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[1691.] 50. A piece of paper endorsed, "Petition of M^r^ Dove to be deputy searcher."

Minuted:—"The place is order^d^ to be sunk by letter. Febr. 7^th^ 1690–1." 2½ *lines.*

[1691.] 51. Copies of three papers relating to Lieutenants Papin and Pontelli, and to the pay due to them, as reformed lieutenants in Col. la Melonier's regiment, the last dated 9 June 1691. [Most likely subordinate to a report.] 3 *pages.*

[?About 1691.] 52. Petition of Nicholas Barrett to the King, praying "this hono^ble^ House to grant him relief, he having contracted to build two third-rate ships of 70 guns each, for which there was then due to him 9,200*l.*" Undated, but the contracts made, Dec. and Jan. 1690–1. 1 *page.*

[?1691 or '2] 53. Petition of Sir James Hayes, Baronet, to the King, praying for necessary relief, being anxious to serve the King in his next campaign in Flanders.

It appears the petitioner was recommended to the King out of Holland, being made a prisoner in France; he was engaged with the Duke of Ormond in Flanders, and dangerously wounded on board ship. Undated, but the Duke of Ormond was serving in Holland in 1690–1. 1 *page.*

[?1691.] 54. Petition of the poor distressed widows, master, owners, and others concerned in the transport ships employed in the reduction of Ireland, showing that their whole substance was exhausted in that service, and that His Majesty on the 22nd of Earch last, at Kensington, had told them that he had given orders that night to their Lordships about the Irish transport, so that they conceived

1691. the business to be entirely in their Lordships' hands; praying them to order a present supply to relieve the heavy pressure under which they groaned. Without date, but other similar claims were made in 1691. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[?1691.] 55. A circular note appointing a meeting at Mr. Auditor Bridge's office, to consider the Auditor's exceptions to Sir George Wharton's account, and the accountant's answer thereto. Dated 1 Feb. 1682.
Also copy of the report made thereon. Dated 9 May 1683. With memoranda in the margin as to the allowance or not of various items, in the year 1691. 2 *pages and* 2 *half pages.*

[?About 1691.] 56. Petition of John Farthing, of Long Ditton, in the county of Surrey, Esquire, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had twice petitioned their Lordships in relation to the gross abuses practised in the accounting for the revenue of excise, and had eventually been employed 18 months in an examination of the accounts; and on 1 May 1691 had delivered in a book entitled "The Remonstrance, Accompts, and Discoveries of great sums of money which the Crowne hath been defrauded of in the accompting for the revenue of excise," &c., "amounting to a million of pounds in six years only;" praying for a suitable reward. Without date. 1 *page.*

[?1691.] 57. Draft of a warrant to the Clerks of the Signet, to prepare a Bill for the Royal signature to pass the Privy Seal, respecting the collecting of and accounting for the revenues of the archbishopric of Canterbury, the bishoprics of Ely, Gloucester, Peterborough, Bath and Wells, and Norwich, lately void, and in the hands of the King. Undated, but 1691, from the deprived Bishops. 9 *leaves.*

[?1691 or 1692.] 58. Petition of Margaret Harris to the Lords of the Treasury, for an allowance to her as matron of the hospital upon Hounslow Heath, from Sept 25, 1691.
Also a certificate in her favour. 2 *pages.*

[About 1691 or 1692.] 59. Petition of John Turner, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that King Charles II., by letters patent of 20 May, in his 13th year, granted to William Chislett a coal mine in Alfreton, in the county of Derby, for 31 years, at 4*l. per ann.*, the remainder of which term the petitioner enjoyed; praying for a renewal of the lease for 31 years. Undated, but the term of 31 years, from 1661, nearly expired.
Minuted:—"R. to M^r^ Harbord." ½ *page.*

[?About 1691 or 1692.] 60. Letter of Don Philip de la Guerre, agent from His Catholic Majesty, praying that their Lordships would give directions to the Com^rs^ of Customs to permit the goods of his Excellency, Don Manuel Coloma, and his family, who was coming from Holland in the quality of ambassador from Spain, to be brought to Warwick House, in Holborn, there to be opened by the officers of customs, as had been the case with other ambassadors from the Court of

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Spain. Without date, but Don Manuel Coloma (or Colonna) is mentioned in *Rapin*, Vol. III., p. 164, as attending the Congress in 1690–1, and it was probably subsequent to that. 1 *page.*

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[? Early in 1691–2.] 1. Report of William Glanvill to the Lords of the Treasury, to the effect that he had searched into Mr. Jephson's minute books and found the minute at the hearing between Kemp and Martin, on 26 July 1689, concerning the office of searcher of Plymouth. Their Lordships ordered that Kemp should be continued in the possession, and that Mr. Attorney be desired to bring a *scire facias* against Kemp's patent, upon the matter of corruptly purchasing the patent, alleged by Mr. Martin's counsel.

Minuted:—"1691–2."

Also the petition of William Brockett, gent., to the King, praying for the office and for the grant of an order for a *scire facias* against Kemp's grant. 2 *pages.*

[About 4 Jan. 1691–2.] 2. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph Durden, milliner, praying payment of several debts due to him from Capt. Stanyan, of Col. Byerly's regiment of horse, the captain having absconded after having set the petitioner at defiance. Undated, but referred 4 Jan. 1691.

Minuted:—"9 Feb. 1691–2. To be paid when the arreares are paid."

Also the petition. 2 *pages* (1 *quarto*).

1691–2. 4 Jan. 3. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the expense to which Mr. Williamson, late searcher of customs at Carlisle, was put in keeping deputies in the member-ports, &c., acquainting their Lordships that the business was greatly increased at that time between that part of England and the kingdom of Ireland. Dated 4 Jan. 1691–2. Three enclosures.

Minuted:—"To be allowed 30^li^ & a letter to be sent to M^r^ Knight to pay it. 12 Jan. '91–2." 4 *pages.*

Jan. 6. 4. Report of the Lord Ranelagh and Mr. Chas. Fox to the King, on the petition of Col. William Steuart, for allowance of moneys due to him on several accounts over and above his arrears of pay as colonel and brigadier, viz., for money expended by him in subsisting his regiment and clearing their quarters in Ireland; for keeping together the Royal regiment of Scotch horse 14 days after 1 April 1689, on which day they were ordered to be disbanded; for the purchase of 33 of the best horses belonging to that regiment after they were disbanded, which horses were seized by order of the late

1691–2. Duke of Schomberg, by the Provost Marshal for the artillery in Ireland; and for subsisting five additional companies raised by Col. Steuart for the King's service in the island of Inch, near Londonderry, before they were broken at Dundalk. Dated 6 Jan. 1691–2.

At the foot is a memorandum that the King thought it reasonable that the petitioner should be reimbursed, and transmitted the report and papers to the Lords of the Treasury to give the requisite orders.

Minuted:—"Articles allowed and respited as within."

Accompanied by five enclosures, one of which is the petition. 7 *pages.*

Jan. 6. 5. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking for ready money for transporting 1,100 horse and 1,600 foot, and 100 officers' horses, and 200 more foot of the English and Dutch guards, to Holland. Also the 3rd regiment of foot from Leith to Holland; further, as to what remained unpaid, for carrying hence to Moordijck three regiments of horse and one of Dragoons, and for bringing Col. Villers's and Mons. Ruvigny's regiments of horse from Ireland. The charge of carrying foot from Hull to Holland is here omitted, that design being since altered. In addition, stating that they now discharge all the foot ships as they arrive from Ireland to lessen the charges, but they must add to the number of horse ships, more horse being ordered to be brought over than they were at first directed to provide for. Dated 6 Jan. 1691–2. 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 7. 6. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir Joseph Williamson, respecting what was due to him of the fee-farm rent of 113^li^ 9/11 *per ann.* out of the manor of Nunnington, in the county of York, which was seized into their Majesties' hands by the attainder of the late Viscount Preston for high treason. Dated 7 Jan. 1691.

Minuted:—"To be p^d^ out of such mony as shall come into y^e^ hands of y^e^ auditor of y^e^ county. 9 Apr. '92."

Also the petition. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 11. 7. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. John Lee, of Col. Purcell's regiment of foot, lately come from Ireland, praying payment of 50*l.* on account of his arrears; advising their Lordships that his pay would very well bear it. Dated 11 Jan. 1691.

On the dorse is:—"M^r^ Chancellour sayes that M^r^ Fox will do this. 16 Jan. '91–2."

Written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 12. 8. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the farm of smalts, potashes, and barillia in the port of London, to which Martha Jackson, widow, relict and executrix of William Jackson, gent., laid claim. Dated 12 Jan. 1691–2.

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Minuted:—" A letter to be sent to y^e^ Com^rs^ of y^e^ Customs, that they give directions that y^e^ mony they mencon in their rep^t^ received by Mrs. Jackson's ag^ts^ be forthwith paid in. 19 Jan. '91–2."
With 11 enclosures. 13 *pages.*

Jan. 12. 9. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying the report they had obtained from the Attorney-General before their Lordships, touching the duty of sea coal to be exported to the plantations. Dated 12 Jan. 1691–2.
Minuted:—" Agreed."
Enclosing copy of their presentment on the same subject, dated 23 Dec. 1691, and the report, signed Geo. Treby, which was in favour of lowering the duty. 3 *pages and* 2 *half pages.*

Jan. 13. 10. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the cost of transport of 1,100 horse and 1,800 foot, &c. to Holland, for shipping and necessaries for Col. Erle's regiment of 900 foot and 40 horses from Plymouth to Ostend; and drawing attention to other sums remaining unpaid: praying for ready money to perform these services. Dated 13 Jan. 1691–2. 2½ *pages.*

Jan. 13. 11. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of the sugar refiners, stating that on behalf of the proposal they had heard Sir John Knight and others, and Sir John Fleet and several merchants concerned in the trade of importing and exporting sugars, whose arguments and papers they transmitted to their Lordships; refusing to advise the making of any alteration, except an alteration for the encouragement of the refiners. Dated 13 Jan. 1691.
Also the papers referred to. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Jan. 14. 12. Schedule of clothing delivered to Lord Colchester's regiment of horse, now Lord Berkeley's, by Francis Molyneaux, January 14, 1691–2.
Memorandum that Lord Colchester had contracted with Francis Molineux of London, draper, for certain clothing, and another memorandum relating thereto. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 18. 13. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to reimbursing the collectors of the outports their imprest and conduct money for impresting seamen. Dated 18 Jan. 1691. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 18. 14. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of certain merchants, who complained of an allowance made upon a parcel of tea imported from India in the ship "James the Second." Dated 18 Jan. 1691.
Minuted:—" My Lords agree to this presentment."
Accompanied by the memorial and two other papers.
The memorial mentions "That the said tea was all of it sound and sweet tea, tho' of diverse sorts and prizes, but the worst thereof

1691–2. of the goodnesse of what is used in coffee houses for the makeing of single tea; and the whole parcell, being sold by the candle, came out at an average of ab^{t} twelve shillings per pound." *5 pages.*

Jan. 19. 15. Report of the principal officers of the Mint, on the proposals and reasons offered to their Majesties by Sir William Phipps, &c., for obtaining a grant to the general court, in the province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, of the liberty of coining. They conceived it very probable that most of the moneys which had been coined in New England from 1652 (when they had the privilege of coining) might still remain there; the lightness of the coins discouraging their exportation (being about 22½ per cent less in value than our English silver coins), and encouraging the bringing in of foreign coins from Jamaica, Barbadoes, and other places. It was scarcely credible that buyers should want small moneys for change, since the coined moneys of New England were the shilling, sixpence, threepence, and twopence, besides small Spanish coins current there, as in other English colonies. They might (if their Majesties approved) be supplied with pence, half-pence, and farthings of tin from England, to their Majesties' advantage. The privilege of coinage had not been granted to other English colonies as represented. The instance of the East India Company was very different, the privilege of coinage being restricted to their forts in India, and to the coinage of moneys current in the dominions of those Indian princes only. But if their Majesties grant the privilege of coining moneys to the general court in the province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, they proposed that the moneys might be in weight and fineness according to the standard of the Mint in England. The altering the standard in any one of their Majesties' dominions would be an eminent prejudice to the rest. Dated 19 Jan. 1691.

Minuted:—"To be shown to ye pet^{r}. 19 Jan. '91." *2 pages.*

[About 19 Jan.] 16. Petition of Miles Edgar to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that 80*l.* were due to him as searcher in the port of Chichester, upon his fee of 10*l. per ann.;* praying for payment, Mr. John Ford having been appointed.

Minuted:—"To be p^{d}., 19 Jan. '91."

Also certificate corroborating the petition. Dated 29 Dec. 1691. *Parts of 2 pages.*

Jan. 20. 17. Presentment of the Com^{rs} for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the same subjects as the previous presentments of 6 and 13 Jan., and further estimating the charge of providing forthwith, shipping and necessaries for transporting from this river to Holland 4 regiments of horse and five regiments of foot, with the officers' horses, being in all 1,080 horses and 5,000 men; also concerning an application from the master of a ship, who brought over 64 horses and other things, of the late Lieut.-Gen. Kirke. Dated 20 Jan. 1691–2. *2½ pages.*

[? About 21 Jan.] 18. Petition of Charles, Lord Baltemore, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their order for the Receiver-General to pay to the

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petitioner 465*l.* 19*s.* out of the shilling impost. Without date, but about Jan 21. 1691–2. See *Money Book*, Vol. II., pp. 241 and 247.
Minuted:—"A warrant ordered for this." 1 *page.*

Jan. 22. 19. Report of certain officers of the Navy Office to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William, the son of Sir Richard Lyddall, which showed that he had been a Russian merchant above 20 years, that he had been Governor of Hudson's Bay, and had further served in the Royal Navy for 25 years in several employments; that he was 67 years of age, and wanted only two years to qualify him as a superannuated commission officer, and so could not partake of their Majesties' allowance. Dated 22 Jan. 1691.
Minuted:—"There can be no particular order but by y^e^ King."
Also a duplicate, and the petition referred to. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 20. Letter from the Com^rs^ for Transportation to William Blathwayt, Esq., praying directions as to what they should do in respect to the storehouse, and asking if the casks, waggons, &c., should be sold; the transport business at Highlake drawing to an end. Dated 23 Jan. '91–2.
Minuted:—"Ordered to be done." 1 *page.*

Feb. 1. 21. Memorial of David Beccelor, on behalf of Mr. Emanuel Junge, late "treasurer and commissary to the Danish forces," praying their Lordships to order payment of the money due to those forces. Dated 1 Feb. 1691.
Minuted:—"13 Apr. '92. Referred to y^e^ Com^rs^ of the Revenue, in Ireland."
Also the memorial of the said Emanuel Junge to Her Majesty, pressing his claims, and a letter to the Lords of the Treasury urging a settlement, as he was ordered to return to Denmark. (*Both in French.*) 3½ *pages.*

Feb. 3. 22. Petition of William Legge, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that when the first payment of the 6,000*l.* was made to King Charles the Second's servants he was under confinement at Carlisle, and so he only received the second payment; praying that he might be placed on the books for two payments "this time."
Minuted:—"3 Feby 1691–2. To bee according to the rule already ordered." 1 *page.*

Feb. 3. 23. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that 7,698*l.* had been spent for half a month's pay for 10,000 tons of shipping, in beginning to bring over the forces from Ireland, and that the same sum was required for the remaining half month's freight, and for provisions. Dated 3 Feb. 1691–2. 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 3.] 24. Petition of Margaret Marshall, the relict of William Marshall, carpenter, deceased; showing that there was due to her for work done by her husband in King Charles the Second's time, at Sheerness Fort 113*l.* 17*s.*; that she had been imprisoned by her husband's creditors

1691–2. and was again threatened with imprisonment; praying that she might be paid. Received 3 Feb. 1691.

Minuted:—"9th June '92. The L^ds can do nothing in it. 21 Feb. '92. To speak w^th ye officers of y^e Ordnance."

Also a copy of the account, dated 20 June 1675, and an order for payment. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 5. 25. Report of the Com^rs of Transportation, on the petition of Francis Marshall, master of the ship "Jeremiah and Elizabeth," of London, whose ship was pressed at Waterford to bring over Col. Erle; stating, that if they had hired his ship to transport men from Ireland, she would have carried 110 men, which, at 6*s.* a head (the usual freight from the west of Ireland to Bristol), amounted to 33*l.* Dated 5 Feb. 1691–2.

Minuted:—"To the Com^rs of the Transports to pay this."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 5. 26. Report of the agents for bringing in of the taxes, in favour of the securities offered by John Mason, of St. Ives, in the county of Huntingdon, gent., nominated receiver-general in the county, University, and town of Cambridge, of the aid of 1,651,702*l.* 18*s.*, for carrying on a vigorous war against France. Dated 5 Feb. 1691.

A schedule of the names of the proposed sureties. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 10 27. Report of Lord Ranelagh on the petition of John Gore, clothier, and others, viz., [Thomas Hawgood, sword cutler; William Hudson, haberdasher; Robert Lord, shoemaker; John Hill, sword cutler, and Richard Dorrell, hosier]; in favour of their being paid 511*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* out of the first off-reckonings. Dated 10 Feb. 1691.

Minuted:—"Agreed to, 11 April, 1692."

The bills of the petitioners. 8 *pages, or parts of pages* (*quarto*).

Feb. 12. 28. A petition of George Dashwood and others to the Lords of the Treasury, that they might receive the usual allowance, viz., 1*s.* 3*d.* of what they could prove due to the Crown, in the account rendered by the Earl of Westmoreland and others, whom they charged with having defrauded the Crown of a large sum in the time of their management of the excise. Dated 12 Feb. 1691.

Minuted:—"Granted." 1¼ *pages* (*small quarto*).

[?About 12 Feb.] 29. Petition of Sir John Houblon, Knt., surviving sheriff, Sir Christopher Lethieullier, Knt., deceased, and Sir Edward Clark, Knt., and Sir Francis Child, Knt., late sheriffs of the city of London and county of Middlesex, for the year ending at Michaelmas 1690; to be allowed 93*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, surplusage on their account.

On the back is:—"M^r Chanc^r has enquired into this matter, and finds noe objection against the pet^rs request, which differs noe otherwise from the common case than that the pet^rs pray an allowance of their surplusage out of arrears of the late poll in their hands which is usually allowed out of some other sheriffes *Debet*, the charge whereof the pet^rs would avoy'd Feb. 12, 1691. Robert Humfreys."

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Minuted:—"7 March 1691–2. My Lords are of opinion that this should be paid out of some other sheriff's debet."

Accompanied by the copy of the *constat.* 2 *pages* (*one parchment*).

Feb. 15. 30. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christian Ermst Balzarn, one of the aid-de-camps to the Duke of Wirtemburg, Lieut.-Gen. of the Danish forces; certifying that there was due to him 181*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* Dated 15 Feb. 1691.

Written on the back of his petition. 2 *pages.*

[?About 15 Feb.] 31. Petition of Stephen Appleby to the Lords of the Treasury, that he may peruse Mr. Boutell's petition and accounts of a ship seized at Algiers, referred to their Lordships; in which ship the petitioner was partner. Undated, but *Minuted:*—"15 Feb. 1691–2. Mr. Bowtell has taken away his pet^{n} when he brings it again y^{e} pet^{r} may see it." 1 *page.*

Feb. 16. 32. Memorial of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating the reception of a letter from Mr. Cole, collector of Cowes, pressing the payment of his arrears of imprest and conduct money to seamen, &c.; reminding their Lordships of their presentment of the 18th of Jan. on the same subject. Dated 16 Feb. 1691.

Minuted:—"A letter to the Commissioners of the Navy to take care of this & of the inconveniences that will arise for want of the payment of this, & to others in the like condition.

Accompanied by a copy of the presentment. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 17. 33. Copy of the order of the King in Council to the Lords of the Treasury, to cause a commission for general enquiry into abuses in the New Forest. Dated 17 Feb. 1691. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Feb. 17. 34. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Francis Hamilton, certifying that there was due to him, on his half-pay, as late captain of horse, 170*l.* 9*s.* Dated 17 Feb. 1691.

Minuted:—"Respited till laid before y^{e} King. 12 Apr. '92."

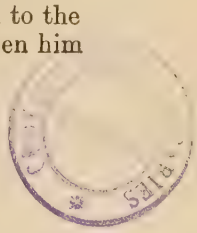
Written on the back of his petition. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 17. 35. Report of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. "Willm." Bridges, concerning the seizure of the ship "Sturgeon," as prize, and her value; certifying that she had neither guns nor gun-decks, by reason of which the petitioner and his company had no share in the lading, which would otherwise have belonged to them in right of seizure; so that all that was due to them was 10*s.* per ton, viz., 90*l.* Dated 17 Feb. 1691–2.

Minuted:—"Agreed to ye report 9 Apr. '92."

The petition referred to and another petition further pressing his claims. The latter *minuted:*—"Respited till y^{e} King come, 19 April '92." 3½ *pages.*

[?About Feb. 17.] 36. Petition of Isaac Teale, apothecary general, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that his commission was given him



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at the recommendation of the late Dr. Lower, and that he had performed his duties for the two last campaigns in Ireland, &c.; praying that he might according to the duties of his place be employed in preparing such medicine, as should be thought necessary for the army.

Minuted:—"When the apothecarys of the army come to be settled, this to bee considered. 17 Feby. 1691–2." 1 *page.*

Feb. 18. 37. Letter, signed Jno. Sansom, to Henry Guy, Esq., secretary of the Lords of the Treasury, asking him to return the report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, of 22 Jan. last; as they found cause to doubt, if not to alter their opinion respecting the transport of sheep and cattle into Ireland custom free." Dated 18 Feb. 1691–2.

Minuted:—"The report desired delivered to Mr. Hutchinson 19th Feb. '91–2." ½ *page.*

Feb. 18. 38. Letter, signed "Fran. Blight," to Sir Thomas Duppa, Knt., at his lodgings in Whitehall, stating that Sir Thomas' letter had not reached until the day before, by the deepness of the snow. He had sent Mr. Hoblyn, ten days since, two ample certificates, according to the contents of the letter, signed by Parliament men, justices of peace, and the vice-warden of the county. The writings he had in reference to these debts were in his custody and should be delivered to Mr. Hoblyn, when he came to the assizes. Dated at Bodmin, 18 Feb. 1691. ¾ *page.*

Feb. 22. 39. Report of Wm. Lowndes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Lord Wm. Paulett, certifying that the fines, penalties, and sums of money arising upon judgments, *quod capiatur* and *capias pro fine*, and the revenues and profits arising upon the Greenwax, at the Exchequer, and all arrears (with divers exceptions) were (by Pat., 27 May, 2 Will. & Mary) granted to the said Lord William for 31 years, at a rent of 500*l.* *per ann.*, and under certain other conditions. His Lordship desired that the salary of the Surveyor of Greenwax might be allowed him out of the rent. Mr. Lowndes certifies that the office of Surveyor was (by letters patent of 5 Sept., 1 Will & Mar.) granted to Nathaniel Booth, Esq., with a salary of 250*l.*; but he did not find any clause that his Lordship should pay the salary out of his pocket. Their Lordships had ordered the salary to be paid out of the *debets* of any accounting sheriff. His opinion was, that the 246*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, certified by the deputy clerk of the Pipe, was all the money which Lord Paulett had received, and that the salary paid to the Surveyor should be allowed his Lordship, in part of the arrear of rent of 500*l.* *per ann.* He conceived that it might not be proper for their Lordships to make an order that Lord Paulett's deputies might search the records of the King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, gratis, as was sought; but that the judges of those Courts should be applied to. The quarter's rent which was sought for would be 125*l.* There were several branches of the Greenwax excepted; viz., the fines, penalties, and forfeitures upon

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penal statutes or convictions of Popish recusants, conventicles, and other recusants, &c., but what his Lordship proposed [viz., that the Surveyor's salary should be paid out of these exceptions] must wholly depend on His Majesty, in case a salary could be legally granted out of such forfeitures, &c. Dated 22 Feb. 1691.

Minuted :—" Agreed to all but ye 3d article, wch relates to 125*l.*, and that article to be layd before ye King."

Accompanied by the memorial, an affidavit, and a certificate of the moneys for Greenwax, paid to Lord William Pawlett. 8 *pages.*

[About Feb. 22.] 40. Memorial of William Colmore. Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that the 28*l.* which Col. John Foulkes owed him might be stopped out of the arrears of his pay.

Minuted :—" 22th Feby 1691–2. Referred to Mr Fox." ½ *page.*

[About Feb. 22.] 41. Petition of Capt. Henry Thomas to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that for his loyalty he was kept close prisoner in the Gatehouse by Cromwell a whole year; his brother being at the time a prisoner in the Tower, was afterwards banished to the Barbadoes by the same "usurper," as Sir Charles Littleton, who was also a prisoner with him, and others of note, could testify; that he since served in Ireland more than 20 years, where his company (which cost him 900*l.*) was taken from him, and he was turned out of employ by Lord Tyrconnel, for being a Protestant; that he was afterwards restored. He relates other grievances, and states that the "reducement" of Ireland, which benefitted others, gave him no relief. Praying for his arrears and for confirmation of his half pay.

Minuted :—" 22 Feb. 1691–2. Mr Fox to put this on his memoriall." 1 *page.*

[Feb. 23.] 42. Petition of the Lady Margaret Hay, guardian to the Earl of Kinnowl, to the King, referring to a former petition which she had presented, setting forth the moneys due to the Earl, and seeking that they might be paid out of the potash farm and the Caribb Islands; the prayer of which petition their Lordships would not grant, as the Earl was then in France. In the present petition she states that the Earl was then in Italy, in order to return to England, and prays that their Lordships would grant him a competent allowance to discharge his debts and enable him to return.

Docquetted :— 23 Feb. 1691 [&c.]

Endorsed :—" For the King." 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 23.] 43. Petition of Thomas Addison, one of the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen and exchanging prisoners at war, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the Jesuits at great expense had put the late college and chapel of the Savoy in good repair, and that as soon as they had absconded, the lead &c. was stolen, so that it cost their Majesties 300*l.* before the Irish prisoners could be secured

1691–2. therein; that it is fitted with beds, &c. for a prison or hospital; praying for the post of housekeeper. Signed.

Minuted:—" 23 Feby 1691–2. The petr to propose wt he will have to keep it yearly in repair." Other minutes follow, in which it was referred to Sir Christopher Wren. 1 *sheet.*

[About Feb. 23.] 44. Petition of Thomas Robson, Esq., in behalf of Col. Edwin Steed, showing that the colonel, who was receiver of the revenue in the island of Barbadoes, had returned 1,000*l.*, and that it had cost him 150*l.* to obtain the returns; praying a warrant for that sum.

Minuted:—" 23th Feb. 7, 1691–2. Referr'd to Mr Blathwait." 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 23.] 45. Petition of Richard, Earl of Burlington and Cork, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the officers of the Danish troops in Ireland had received moneys from the inhabitants of the towns of Youghall, Tallow, Lismore, Bandon, and Cappoquin; praying that out of the money due to those officers and soldiers deductions might be made, and the payments made of what was due.

Minuted:—" 23 Feby 1691–2. Referr'd to Mr. Fox." 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 23.] 46. Petition of Frances, Duchess Dowager of Richmond and Lennox, showing that King Charles the Second, in consideration of the lordship and dominion of Aubigney in France, granted to her for life 1,000*l. per ann.*, out of the hereditary excise arising in the counties of Middlesex, Essex, Kent, and Surrey; praying that the arrears (3,000*l.*) might be paid.

Minuted:—" 23th Feby 1691–2. For the King." 1 *page.*

[About Feb. 25.] 47. Representation on the part of Mons. Beaubuisson, master of the King's setter dogs, as to what had been allowed to his predecessors in that office.

On the dorse is *a minute* for Mr. Squib to set forth what he already has for his several offices, dated 23 Feb. 1691–2, which is there accordingly set forth; after which there is *a further minute,* " To be considered at ye King's return. 11 Apr. [16]92."

Accompanying is a certificate that he is allowed 50*l.* a year as keeper of the King's private armoury in ordinary. 1 *page and part of* 1 *small quarto page.*

Feb. 25. 48. Report of Charles Fox, Esq., one of the paymasters-general of the forces in Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of the payment of 53*l.*, the sum claimed for his pay by Dean Scardevile, who was chaplain to his Grace the late Duke of Schomberg, from his going into Ireland to the day of his death. Dated 25 Feb. 1691–2.

Minuted:—" To be consider'd when ye arrears of ye army in Ireland are pd. 6 Apr. '92."

Also the petition for the same. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 26. 49. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had examined the allegations in the petition of Mary Stopford, widow of James Stopford,

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touching the lands of Cabragh, Tarah, Brich, and Trivett, and they found that part of the lands were the inheritance of Matthew Penteney and another, part were the possession of Richard Cusack; stating various other particulars about the lands, and giving their opinion that Mr. Stopford was unjustly deprived of the estate, and advising that the petitioner should have a grant of the premises. Dated 26 Feb. 1691–2.

Minuted:—"Respited 'till y^e^ King comes. 9th Apr. '92." 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 26. 50. Memorial of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, reminding their Lordships of their presentment of the 16th instant, as to imprest and conduct money. Dated 26 Feb. 1691. 1 *page.*

Feb. 27. 51. Report of Sir J. Somers, Solicitor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Nash and on the matters of fact therein alleged, concerning the office of Receiver-General of South Wales, held by the petitioner but previously granted to Bevis Lloyd, Esq., and William Jones, gent. Dated 27 Feb. 1691.

Minuted:—"26 Apr. '92. Mr. Lloyd is not to be remov'd."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 27. 52. Report of Philip Riley, Esq., Surveyor-General of Forests south of Trent, on the petition and particular of bridges, passages, and causeways necessary to be repaired in the New Forest; presented by James Airy, repairer of bridges there. Dated 27 Feb. 1691–92.

Minuted:—"Agreed to. 9 Apr. '92."

The petition and particular.

Also two other papers, containing "Articles of instructions for a commission to be executed in New Forest, com. Southampton;' and another set of "Articles of instruction to be enquired of and executed" there, by virtue of a commission not now annexed.

Endorsed, "Instructions and Com^rs^ names for New Forest, presented by Mr. Ryley, Feb. 27, 1691." 9 *pages.*

Feb. 27. 53. Report of William Aldworth, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Baptist May, keeper of the great park at Windsor, respecting the taxes on that park. Dated 27 Feb. 1691.

On the dorse is:—"To be paid by me." 1 *page.*

Feb. 29. 54. Copy of a certificate by William Robinson, as to the pay received by Mr. Robert Barker, as waggon-master-general. Dated 29 Feb. 1691–2.

Minuted:—"Referred to Mr. Fox, 13 April '92." 1 *page* (*decayed*).

Feb. 29. 55. The report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James de Cardonnel, stating that the secretary to the general (in which capacity he was employed) had an allowance of 15*s.* a day for himself and clerks, which was paid by the late paymaster of Ireland to 17 Sept. 1689, since which time he had been employed by the late Duke Schomberg. Mr. Fox expresses his opinion that the right was with the petitioner, notwithstanding the

1691–2. pretensions of Dr. George; 214*l.* was due to the petitioner from 17 Sept. to 1 July, the day the late Duke Schomberg was killed, and the petitioner was obliged to return forthwith to the present Duke Schomberg, whom he had attended as secretary since the death of his father, to Piedmont. Dated 29 Feb. 1691–2.

The report written on the back of the petition.

Minuted:—"To be considered with the arrears of the army in Ireland. 6 Apr. '92." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 29. 56. Report signed "Cha. Chetwynd pro auditor of Wales," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles May, Esq., certifying that King Charles II., in his 13th year, for services done, granted to Hartgill Baron, Esq., 200*l. per ann.*, for 31 years, out of the revenues of South Wales, which would expire at Mich. 1692; so that His Majesty might grant the same if he pleased. Dated 29 Feb. 1691.

Minuted:—"It cannot be done, 2 March 1691." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

[About Feb.] 57. Petition of Thomas Shirley, one of the serjeants-at-arms in ordinary, showing that he, by order of the House of Lords, rode post to Westmoreland, at his own expense and hazard of his life, to attach the body of Geo. Wilson, the younger, for a breach of privilege; praying that his case might be considered.

A schedule of fees due to him, and an order of the House of Lords. This is dated 22 Feb. 1691. *One whole page and parts of* 3 *others.*

March 1. 58. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, certifying that 73*l.* 12*s.*; mentioned in the within petition of Sir Edward Carteret Knt., was due. Dated 1 March 1691.

Written on the back of the petition, which prays for a warrant for payment of his pension, and states, that in the year 1649 the "petitioner was in Jersey, sworn servant to King Charles the Second, to wait upon his brother the Duke of York, with whom he so continued in France, Holland, Flanders, Germany, and at home, in all manner of conditions, and had several commissions, both in England and the island of Jersey (the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Bath and the petitioner being the ancientest servants living that belonged to the Royal Family)" for which services he had a pension of 8*s.* a day, which was then in arrear, as above.

Minuted:—"23 March 1691–2. Nothing can be don at present." 1 *page.*

March 2. 59. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Lecaan, late physician to the "hospital" in Ireland, as to the payment of 106*l.* due to him, which, if their Lordships thought fit, should be paid to him for his pay. Dated 2 March 1691.

Minuted:—"To be paid in Ireland, 9 Apr. 1692."

Written on the back of the petition. There is also another petition from him on the same subject, a little later, in which he states their Majesties' affairs required his speedy attendance in Flanders. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

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[?About March 2.] 60. Petition of Samuel Travers and Charles Nicholas Eyre, Esquires, to the King, showing that the post office of Ireland had yielded little or nothing for the last three years; praying His Majesty to accept the annexed proposal and grant the petitioners a lease of the office.

In the proposal they offered to give 1,000*l.* *per ann.* for the lease.

Minuted:—"Not to bee done at this time. 2d March 1691–2." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

March 3. 61. Report of William Blaythwayt, Esq., on the papers submitted to him, in relation to Mr. Lucas Santen, collector and receiver of the revenue of New York, who was suspended by the Governor and Council there, for negligence and disobedience, finding that Col. Slaughter, the Governor of New York, had reported that the revenue in 1687, during the petitioner's management, had improved, and that 120*l.* was due to him for salary; it would be an encouragement to him to allow it. Dated 3 March 1691–2.

Minuted:—"Agreed to, 11 Apr. '92." 4 *pages.*

March 1 & 4. 62. Petition of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, for an order for 300*l.*, towards the prosecutions at the Lent Assizes. Dated 1 March 1691.

A schedule entitled, "An account of prosecutions on their Majties behalfe, in the Lent Assizes, 1691–2."

A letter from him to Henry Guy, Esq., on the same subject.

A further petition pressing the same subject. Dated 4 March 1691–2.

Minuted:—"To be provided next Wednesday." 3 *pages.*

March 7. 63. Presentment of the Comrs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that on the 2nd inst., they had presented that the masters of ships at Bristol or Biddeford absolutely refused to treat with them on any terms concerning the going to Kinsale in Ireland, and transporting from thence 2,000 foot to Hamburgh, unless they were paid for the late transportations from Ireland; and since that, they were ordered to take up shipping for 3,500 foot and 380 horse in those ports, which it would not be possible to do, unless the arrears were paid; they had supplied 4,500 Danes, who were put in at Plymouth in great want of provisions, at the charge of 2,000*l.* Col. Trelawny's regiment about to be transported from Portsmouth to Ostend, in the room of Col. Tiffins, would require 584*l.* 10*s.*; an advance was required of 100*l.* for the agent for the transports at Rotterdam, for his own expenses, and a credit of 200*l.* each to him and the agent at Ostend. They had orders to ship from the Thames, for Holland or Flanders, the regiment of 600 men and horse under the Earl of Portland, the regiment of Dragoons under Col. Eppinger consisting of 1,000 men and horses, the regiment of foot under Col. Selwin with the officers and horses, in all 1,640 horses and 2,420 men. Dated 7 March 1691–2.

Also another memorandum. 3½ *pages.*

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March 8. 64. Report of the officers of excise upon the salary bill for the hearth officers, informing their Lordships that by a presentment of the Com^rs in Feb. 1690 the officers mentioned in that bill were thought necessary to be continued under the salaries therein mentioned, till the arrears could so far be got in that the persons remaining in debt might be returned "*Insuper* in the Exchequer." The difficulties had caused those officers to be longer employed; further making remarks as to their allowances and the putting a final end to the charges of getting in the arrears of the said revenue. Dated 8 March 1691. 2 *pages.*

March 8. 65. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nathaniel Dowrish, of Plymouth, merchant, owner and lader of the ship "Agnes," who had contravened the Navigation laws in manning the ship with French Protestants, who inhabited about Plymouth, at a place called Stonehouse, thinking that they should be accounted freemen and duly qualified to sail a ship to the West India plantations; but on the ship's arrival at Barbadoes she was seized, &c.; advising that the petitioner should be relieved and a *nolle prosequi* entered. Dated 8 March 1691–2.
Minuted:—"Granted."
Accompanied by the petition. 3 *pages.*

March 9. 66. Memorial of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring them to furnish the money to the officers of the two marine regiments ordered to march from their quarters to be embarked on board the fleet. Dated 9 March 1691–2. 1 *page.*

March 14. 67. Report, signed "C. Godolphin," to the Lords of the Treasury, on Mr. Snagg's proposals for a grant to coin and vend tin farthings and halfpence for four years; in consideration whereof he was to advance to their Majesties 10,000*l.*, being the equivalent of 3,000*l.* a year at 8*l. per cent.* Stating that there had been coined by the Royal authority since Lady Day 1684 (when the first commission for tin farthings and halfpence was granted) near 59,000*l.*, whereof only 8,500*l.* had been sent to Ireland.
About 21,000*l.* had been the net profit which had accrued to the Crown from the said coinage; 3,000*l.* a year was a greater profit than had been answered to the Crown from the coinage of farthings. It might deserve further consideration how far it might be fit to farm out the coinage of any species of money. He was of opinion that the revenue would be greatly improved by a more extensive distribution of these coins through all parts of England (instead of such discounts as are made for taking them off here), whereby counterfeits would be in a good measure prevented, the poor more duly supplied, and exchange in trade better accommodated. He presumed there might, with care, be 10,000*l.* a year profit realized; 64*l.* per ton was pretty near the market price of tin, but that which was coined (instead of 80*l.*, which was proposed) was worth 180*l.* per ton above the ordinary charge of issuing. Dated 14 March 1691. 1 *page.*

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March 15. 68. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury in respect to certain laws passed in the Assembly of Virginia, viz., an Act for Ports, &c., and an Act for the advancement of the manufactures of the growth of that country; advising that the latter law ought not to be revived, as it seemed unreasonable to compel the merchants to receive debts in commodities, which might be of no use to them, &c.; as to the other Act, which provided (1), that all commodities should be imported and exported at the ports set out in the Act; and (2), that a duty should be laid on furs and hides, &c., advising that the building of towns, setting out ports and places for the shipping and landing goods, to bring the people of the country to "a more regular settlement and cohabitation" was very desirable to be encouraged; but it was unreasonable to compel the inhabitants to bring their goods before there were places convenient for their reception; the buying and selling should be restrained to the places to be set out. They referred their Lordships to a former report, which seemed to be made with great deliberation, and their opinion was, *that* part of the law ought not to pass, but that the Governor should, with proper assistance, take [care] that wharfs and quays should be built. The proposed duty on furs and hides was about 25 *per cent.* on the value, and would be a total prohibition of the trade, and hinder the exportation of coarse woollen manufactures. Amongst other purposes the duty was proposed towards the maintenance of a pious and learned ministry, and they conceived if $7\frac{1}{2}$ *per cent.* were laid on those commodities (being the same as was laid on them in the colony of New York), the trade would bear it, the experiment should be tried, and the proceeds be wholly applied to that purpose, &c., Dated 15 March 1691–2.

Accompanied by two schedules, 1st, of commodities proposed for the payment of debts in Virginia, with the rates and prices thereof; and, 2nd, the rates and duties imposed upon the exportation of furs and hides, by an Act made in the Assembly of Virginia in April 1691. 6 *pages.*

March 15. 69. Petition of the Mayor and aldermen of the city of Canterbury, showing that the innkeepers and victuallers there, by want of trade, and the soldiers being quartered on them, had become very poor; praying payment of the quarters and subsistence, there being 1,400*l.* and upwards due to them on 10 March 1691.

Signed by the Mayor and eight aldermen.

On the dorse:—"March 15^th, 1691–2." 1 *page.*

March 16. 70. Presentment of the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had acquainted their Lordships that they were ordered to take up shipping at Bristol and Biddeford, to carry 2,000 Irish to Hamburg; as also shipping to bring 3,500 foot and 400 horse from Ireland, but the masters refused to deal except they had their arrears, and for provisions of the same the money must be advanced, as also for the Danes at Plymouth: the masters

1691–2. required their freight before they sailed from Portsmouth to Ostend with Col. Trelawney's regiment; the charge of transporting 1,080 horses and 5,000 men from the Thames to Holland remained unpaid. Dated 16 March 1691–2. 2 *pages.*

March 21. 71. Copy of a presentment by the Com^rs^ for Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before their Lordships a memorial signed by most of the considerable merchants, masters of ships, and traders to Virginia and Maryland, in and about London, to prohibit bulk tobacco from being exported from Virginia and Maryland to England, or other parts; advising that their Majesties should be moved to recommend the prohibition to the Governors and Assemblies there. Dated 21 March 1691. 1 *page.*

March 21. 72. "An account of what money David Robinson, keeper of Audley End Parke, hath laid out for hay for their Ma^ts^ deere, since July the 14^th^, 1691."

With the following note:—"March 21^st^, 1691–2, I do allow of this account. J. Lovelace. A true copy." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About March 21.] 73. Petition of Richard Goodwin, labourer, addressed to their Majesties, showing that he had been employed to look after the timber yard at Hampton Court by the Office of Works for 31 years and upwards, had had a habitation in some of the out offices, and was then lodged in a shed, which was ordered to be pulled down, he had a wife and six children and no place to live in; praying leave to build a small tenement on part of the Royal waste next the Thames, at Hampton Town's End.

"21 March 1691–2. Referred to Mr. Harbord, whose deputy is desired to report with speed."

Minuted:—"It is Her Ma^ts^ pleasure that the pet^r^ be gratifyd in his request." 1 *page.*

March 22. 74. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before their Lordships the case of John Buckworth, Esq., and Mr. Robert Bristow, of London, merchants, touching a parcel of pepper entered inwards and reshipped for Leghorn, but the ship being disabled, the pepper was re-landed at Plymouth, and by that means the time for drawing back the half subsidy was elapsed; submitting the case to the favourable consideration of their Lordships, and advising the repayment. Dated 22 March 1691.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Accompanied by the case. 2½ *pages.*

March 23. 75. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Archibald Row, major to Col. Robert Hodge's regiment, stating that he had nothing to object against the payment of the 200*l.* claimed. Dated 23 March 1691.

The report is written on the dorse of the memorial. 2 *half pages* (*quarto*).

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March 23. 76. Presentment of the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had received orders to transport forthwith to Holland or Flanders their Majesties' regiments of horse, under the command of Col. Langston and Col. Windham, with several horses of the Duke of Savoy, the Earl of Argyle, Col. Erle, and several foot regiments, amounting to 984 men and 937 horses, the cost of which would be 3,259*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*; the officers of the Ordnance demanded freight for 3,700 tons of shipping to carry stores at 14*s.* per ton per month; the fleet of transports that sailed under the convoy that attended His Majesty putting into Harwich were furnished with oats, &c.; the Earl of Athlone demanded, for carrying his horses, &c., 100*l.*; their Lordships had promised 2,000*l.* a week till 7,698*l.*, due to the masters at Biddeford, Bristol, &c., were paid, and expected the remainder before entering upon fresh agreements; their Lordships also promised 500*l.* per week to pay 4,719*l.* 19*s.* to the masters of ships that lately transported men from the River Thames to Holland, only 500*l.* of which was ordered. Dated 23 March 1691–2. 2½ *pages.*

March 23. 77. Letter of Henry Guy [Secretary of the Treasury], to the Right Hon. the Earl of Nottingham, stating that he was commanded to return certain papers for his Lordship's opinion, as to whether they relate to bringing in French goods only or contain some matters of state. Dated 23 March 1691–2. 1 *page.*

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[March 25.] 78. Receipts in the port of London from Christmas 1691 to Lady Day following. 1 *page.*

March 26. 79. Report of William Tailer, Deputy Surveyor, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had considered the annexed petition of Mr. John Whiteing, and perused a copy of a patent of 13 Car. 1., whereby the King granted to Thomas Talbot, Esq., and Richard Allen, gent., the waste and muddy ground, commonly called Jarrow-slike, in the parish of Jarrow, in the county Palatine of Durham, within the high-water mark of the River Tyne, containing about 300 acres, in consideration of a fine of 40*l.*, and under the yearly reserved rent of 5*l.*, and a further reservation of 4*d.* per acre, of so much as should exceed 300 acres, but without any clause of re-entry and avoiding the grant for non-payment, so that it seemed still in force. The 5*l.* *per ann.* had been paid from 1642, but was in arrear from the Restoration. By the grantees having made no benefit of their patent it seemed the recovery of the land was difficult and chargeable, and they would most likely be contented to relinquish their interest if their Lordships discharged the arrear (157*l.* 10*s.*), or granted the same arrear to the petitioners, who might procure a surrender, &c., advising that the petitioner might reasonably deserve a new grant, &c. Dated 26 March 1692.

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

[? About March 30.] 80. Petition of Lieut. Martin Laycock, in the late Lieut.-General Douglas' regiment, showing that his wounds had cost

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above eight score pounds to cure, and that he was then commanded to his post in Ireland; praying the bestowal on him of 100 marks fine, which was laid on John Davis, vicar of Fenn, in the county of Buckingham, without which he could not pay his debts or go to his command. Undated, but referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 30 March 1692.

Minuted:—"Granted." 1 *page.*

March 30. 81. Memorial of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the estate of Mr. Thos. Price, in Newport, seeking for some one to be appointed to receive certain arrears of ground rent.

Further stating that an experiment was to be made at Woolwich on some "oar" taken out of Sir Carberry Price's mine, in Wales, the operators being seven in number, and the Lord Newport and Sir Henry Capell insisted that the petitioner should pay them for their pains, the amount being about 40*l.*; seeking their Lordships' directions. Dated 30 March 1692.

Minuted:—"A letter to Mr. Smith to demand the ground rents & to be prosecuted if not paid." 1½ *pages.*

[? March.] 82. Petition of Abraham Yarner, Esq., Muster-Master General of the forces in Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that his salary and profits for the last three years had not been half so much as formerly, though his trouble and charge had been a great deal more. He was sent for in September last by the Com^rs^ of Parliament in England to give them copies of the musters, and was detained three months. After his return he was sent for again, by warrant of 30 January, to state the arrear due to the army in Ireland, and had to bring over all the muster rolls (which were a horse load), and a commissary and clerk, who, besides his servants, had been maintained and employed by him ever since their coming; praying for some allowance.

Minuted:—"To set forth his extraordinary charges, how & w^t^ they have been. 6 Apr. '92." 1 *page.*

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April 2. 1. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Hercules Browne, concerning the period that the said Capt. Browne acted as provost marshal and his claim for the same. Dated 2 Apr. 1692.

Minuted:—"Nothing to be don at present. 13 Apr. '92." 3 *pages.*

April 2. 2. Memorial of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring that they would take care that the 15,000*l.* wanted for imprests to the yards, outports, and other services,

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should be presently furnished: also asking for money to continue paying the fleet, all received having been paid away. Dated 2 Apr. 1692. 1½ *pages.*

April 2. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury upon a proposal of the Lord Lanesboro and Onesephorus Albin, for the better collection of the alien duty, and the improvement of trade and customs, stating that a great part thereof is grounded upon a mistaken supposition, that the alien duties are still payable upon the native commodities of this kingdom exported, &c.; further as to what measures had been adopted in relation to aliens' import duties. They feared that frauds were practised by persons of desperate fortunes; yet it was not supposed that men of substance and reputation, by whom the trade of the kingdom was generally carried on, would subject themselves to such severe penalties as *præmunires* and other great forfeitures provided, for colouring strangers' goods; and it was very improbable that the frauds could bear any proportion to the value mentioned in the proposal, &c. Respecting the prevention of the running of goods and the encouragement of seamen, the greatest care was used; it was under consideration, during the last session of Parliament, how some impositions might be laid at the Custom House without unhinging the present book of rates, which ought not to be altered without great consideration. The report notices the articles in the proposal *seriatim*, and concludes by stating that they observe nothing in the paper but what had been already foreseen; and particularly the obsolete practice of taking bonds of merchant strangers, to employ half the value of their merchandise in the commodities of this kingdom, which practice had not been in use from the time of Charles I., the trade being at that time chiefly driven by merchant strangers, but at the time of the report the trade was wholly altered, and was almost entirely in the hands of English merchants and the very nature of the trade was altered; for in those days there was no trade to the East or West Indies, or any plantation; and to lay such a clog on, as was proposed, would prove a great obstruction to trade, and by consequence, instead of an increase, a prejudice to the customs; it being most certain that the freer and more easy trade is in any place the more it flourishes. Dated 2 April 1692.

The proposal referred to, and another paper entitled: "The points we would discours upon before y^e Lords of y^e Councell, Treasury, & Commiss^rs of y^e Customs." 9½ *pages.*

April 5. 4. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Duchess of Grafton, praying for the grant of letters patent empowering the coining and uttering penny and two-penny pieces, to be composed out of coarse silver, after the manner of stivers current in the United Provinces of the Netherlands; advising,—

(1.) That great inconveniences would follow as those coins would

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The sixth and seventh heads are as follows:—

(6.) "If base moneys be in use in other countries, it had its beginning from great necessities, and the Government always had the advantage of it."

(7.) That Spain long since being sensible of the great inconveniencies of base moneys (as we are credibly informed), decried all theirs, as France lately did, for the same reason. "That base moneys coined in the reign[s] of Henry the 8th and Edward the 6th, were by Queene Eliz. called in, and reduced to its true value, as it hath ever since continued." Dated 5 Apr. 1692.

[Also a duplicate copy.]

This is accompanied by—

1. The petition referred to.

2. Further motives, to show the usefulness of such penny and twopenny pieces as are mentioned in the petition: and, "Further motives to induce their Majesties to grant their Letters Patents, and other requisites thereunto necessary, unto their petitioner."

[This is in duplicate.]

3. "Reply to the report from the officers of the Mint, concerning the coynage of pence & 2d pieces."

[In duplicate.]

Under the last head of these replies, it states that, "since Henry the 8ths time the vallue of money as to things bought therewith, is not now above the 4th part of what it was then, as for example a person could buy as much hay, corne, cheese, &c. in K. Henry 8ths time for 1s, as he can now for 4s; as is apparent from the Statutes of those times; soe then a farthing would goe as far in the market then as a penny will now," &c.

4. Petition of the said Duchess (signed) urging that, as the officers of the Mint had objected nothing material to her proposal, but only alleged that where such pieces had been in use the Government had always had the benefit, and that 40 *per cent.* might be gained thereby; so she humbly submitted the profits to His Majesty, and prayed he would grant her such allowance as to his wisdom and clemency should seem meet. Undated. 14½ *pages.*

[About April 6.] 5. Representation to the Lords of the Treasury, by Abraham Yarner, Esq., Muster Master General of the forces in Ireland; as to the number of deputy commissaries of the musters, of whom there used to be six, but were then only four, &c.

Minuted:—"Those 2 yt are here to be sent back & for the encrease of 'em ye Lds must know His Mats pleasure. 6th Apr. '92." 1 *page.*

April 6. 6. Order by the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations, that the Lords of the Treasury be desired to give all the despatch that might be to the matters relating to Col. Fletcher, who was appointed to the government of the province of New York, in respect of the money ordered to be paid him upon account

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of the two companies of foot at New York, and for buying presents for the Indians there, and the transportation of himself and family. Dated 6 April 1692. 1 *page.*

April 7. 7. An Order in Council transmitting to the Lords of the Treasury a proposal by Sir Edmund Andros, Governor of Virginia, to the effect that he should have instructions upon any exigency of the Government (caused by an attempt of the French or otherwise) to dispose of quit rents of that colony to the value of 1,000*l.* for the defence of the country. Dated 7 April 1692.

Accompanied by the proposal which was received by the Council from the Committee for Trade and Plantations. 2 *pages.*

April 9. 8. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Morgan Ryan, as to what was due to him as a reformed captain in the King's royal regiment of horse. Dated 9 April 1692.

Written on the back of the petition: there is also an enclosure.

Minuted:—"To bee p^{d} when ye regim^{t} is cleer'd. 11 Apr. '92." 3 *pages.*

[About April 9.] 9. Representation to the Lords of the Treasury by Abraham Yarner, Esq., Muster Master General of their Majesties' forces in Ireland, respecting his expenses in perfecting the rolls of musters taken in Ireland, in order to adjust the arrear due to the army. He claimed 360*l.*, and desired that the deputy commissary might remain in England until the work was finished.

Minuted:—"9th Apr. '92. To bring vouchers, or make oath of y^{e} particulars. The affidavit is annexed, 13 Apr. '92. My L^{ds} will consider of it before he goes away." 1 *page.*

April 10. 10. Certificate of Willm. Tailer, deputy auditor of the duchy of Cornwall, to the effect that Captain Upcot, one of the supervisors of the tin blowing houses in Cornwall, had his salary of 80*l.* *per ann.* paid him up to Midsummer 1690, and dying before Michaelmas, there was no authority to pay him for that quarter; but as the duties had been discharged by his deputy (as by the annexed certificate appeared), advising that his widow should be paid. Dated 10 April 1692.

Minuted:—"A letter to the auditor & receiver of Cornwall to pay this."

Accompanied by the certificate referred to, and the petition of the widow. 3 *pages.*

[? About April 11.] 11. Petition of John Travers to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to consider the deplorable condition of the several masters and owners of vessels employed in the first expedition to Londonderry in May 1689, and to order payment of the warrant annexed.

Minuted: "The L^{ds} can doe nothing in it, 11 Apr. '92." 2 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

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1692. [About April 11.] 12. Petition of John Barber, embroiderer, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that 476*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* was due to him for work done for the Royal Chapel at Whitehall, and elsewhere; bespoke by the late King, James II., and used by King William and Queen Mary, as appeared by the certificate annexed; praying for payment.
Minuted:—"Nothing can be don, 11 Apr. '92."
Also the certificate referred to. 2 *pages.*

[? About April 12.] 13. Petition of Edward Philpot, citizen and press maker, of London, for payment of 25*l.* 6*s.*, due to him for making engines for pressing hay, to be transported to Ireland; praying that the amount might be stopped out of any money due to Mr. Allen, one of their Majesties' messengers, who employed him.
Minuted:—"12 Apr. '92. To be consider'd when Mr. Allen is paid."
Also the account. 1½ *pages.*

April 13. 14. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to an assault made upon the riding officers employed on the coast of Kent, by persons therein named, who were employed by Julius Deeds, Esq., the Mayor of Hythe, and who beat and wounded the officers to the hazard of their lives, and rescued 16 bags of wool, which they had seized in Scotney barn, belonging to the said Mayor; praying for exemplary punishment of the offenders. Dated 13 April 1692.
Minuted:—"A report to be prepared for the Council."
Accompanied by:—
Depositions of various persons as to assaults committed on them and others by one John Ellesdon, of Lydd, gent., who, with other persons, was engaged in having the wools removed in waggons. Dated 25 and 26 March 1692. 6 *pages.*

April 18. 15. Letter, written by direction of Sir Robert Southwell, from Philip Madoxe, of the Council Office, to Henry Guy, Esq., to request that Mr. Gibbins might be recommended to the Com^rs^ in Ireland by a letter from the Lords of the Treasury, to such employment as upon examination he should be thought capable of, &c. Dated 18 April 1692.
Minuted:—"Recommended for such place as he is qualified for."
1 *page.*

April 19. 16. Letter of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners to Henry Guy, Esq., stating that they had so constantly attended their Lordships with memorial after memorial for a supply for this service, and for arrears of subsistence of Irish prisoners in the Savoy, then transported to France, to which they had had no answer, that they hoped he would pardon their importunity; assuring him of the importance of a speedy supply. Dated 19 April 1692.
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April 19. 17. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of David D'Barry, merchant, advising that he should have liberty to re-ship (custom free) certain pigs of lead previously shipped for Leghorn. Dated 19 April 1692.
Minuted:—"Granted."
Also the petition and an affidavit. 4½ *pages.*

[About April 19.] 18. Schedule of sums due from the officers of the marine soldiers quartered at Canterbury, by several bills signed by the Lord Danby, &c.
Minuted:—"19 Apr. '92. To be put w^th y^e rest of y^e like nature." 1½ *pages.*

[About April 20.] 19. Petition of Robert Gargrave to the Queen, showing that he had petitioned the King respecting a house he had built in the Mews, to which petition he had obtained no reply, though the King promised he should not want, and should be relieved, he being a great sufferer in the loss of his places, "and his sons in this service;" one died in the King's service, and "two were blown up in the 'Breda' last year;" praying to be allowed the moneys laid out on the house.
"Apr. 20, 1692.—Referred to Sir Christopher Wren, surveyor general of works, to examine what had been laid out.
Minuted:—"31 May, 1692. There can be nothing don in it w^thout y^e King's order."
Also the petition referred to, and copy of a certificate signed "Fr. Negus, surv^r." 3 *pages.*

April 20. 20. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham, Secretary of State, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the "Sieur Josias Caillon," a French Protestant and merchant of the town of Savinien, upon the river Charente, who came into Dartmouth with his ship and goods from France, transmitting the Queen's instructions for the Lords of the Treasury to give order to the officers of the customs at Dartmouth to permit him to sail to a neutral port pursuant to Mr. Attorney's report. Dated 20 April 1692.
Also the report. 3 *pages* (*quarto*).

April 20. 21. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Margaret Thomas, widow, praying payment of 268*l.* 15*s.* due to her husband, late captain in the regiment lately under the command of Lieut.-Gen. Kirk, and then commanded by Col. Wm. Selwyn, stating that he could not give an exact account of the arrears due, but it would be a great act of charity if some part were paid her, as she was very necessitous. Dated 20 April 1692.
It is written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages.*

April 21. 22. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Henry Furnace, concerning 360 pieces of muslin, being the goods of India, imported from Holland contrary to the Navigation Act, seized and in the Custom House;

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praying the grant of Her Majesty's moiety of the goods. The report states: "That it seems to us that the whole carriage of this buisnes (as well the importation from Holland, as the conveyance up the river), was by some one of the ships of warr, and the boats that attended her, for that the greatest part of the goods were found on board a hired ketch belonging to the ship "Northumberland," and were brought on board the said ketch by the said ship's pinnace, which gives us occasion againe to reflect (as frequently we have been constrained to doe), upon the unwarrantable proceedings of the men-of-war, and their ungovernable carriage in relation to the customs." Dated 21 April 1692.

Minuted:—"Referred to the Com^rs of the Customs to know what those goods are valued at."

Accompanied by the petition. 2½ *pages.*

April 22. 23. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph Helby, of Chelsea, brewer, as to a debt of 129*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* for the excise of beer and ale brewed; advising that "he ought not to be forborne his excise upon account of his brewing for their Majesties, especially for that such forbearance would encourage others to petition for the like favour." Dated 22 April 1692.

Minuted:—"26 Apr. '92. Agreed to y^e report."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

April 25. 24. Letter signed "Benj. Overton" to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he was informed that Robert Lacy refused to "discover" as he depended upon a reprieve, having paid 100 guineas down, and would pay as much more at least when a general reprieve was brought. A clipper of note, as Lacy was, could command money from his confederates, and they would readily pay rather than be discovered, and goldsmiths and cash keepers undoubtedly furnished clippers with broad money. In May 1688, five persons, viz., Emet, Lambourne, Collet, Palmer, and Cogswell, were condemned on the evidence of Thomas Baily for clipping, &c., praying that as the petitions of such criminals had usually been referred to the Mint, and as Lacy was reprieved without confessing, their Lordships would order that part (at least) of the money he had paid and promised for his reprieve might be applied to the use of the Mint. Dated 25 April 1692. 1 *page.*

April 26. 25. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had so repeatedly urged the necessity for a supply that they were almost resolved to be silent, but the poor people's cries for their arrears and His Majesty's concern in the approaching expedition, constrained them to fresh importunity, and to beg for speedy relief. Dated 26 April 1692. 1 *page.*

April 26. 26. Letter of Mr. Aaron Smith to Henry Guy, Esq., stating that he was attending at the Exchequer Office in the Temple, about striking the jury for the trial between their Majesties and the Duke

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of Beaufort and others, for the late Marquis of Powis's Northamptonshire estate; earnestly entreating him to lay the enclosed memorial for money before their Lordships; solemnly protesting his great want of it. Dated 26 April 1692.

The memorial referred to, in which he sought for an advance of 500*l.* or 600*l.* 2 *pages.*

April 26. 27. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Crompton, gent., to be added to the land surveyors in the port of London; stating that they did not doubt that he might, upon reasonable experience, make a good officer of the customs; "but to the office of survey^r, who is not only to be a judge for the King in matters of the nicest nature, but also to be guide and instructor of inferior officers, it is soe absolutely necessary to be beforehand expert and knowing in the rules of the customes and the distinction of comoditys (which is by noe meanes to be obteyned but by time) that we cannot presume to present him to your Lord^pps for that imployment." Dated 26 April 1692.

Minuted:—"9 June 92. Agreed to the Com^rs rep^t."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

April 26. 28. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several wharfingers of the established keys in the port of London, setting forth that they were much inconvenienced by the impresting their men out of their lighters, to the hazard of the merchants' goods; recommending that the number of men for each wharf, as contained in an enclosed paper, should have protection. Dated 26 April 1692.

Accompanied by the petition and the "List of the lightermen's names for the 18 wharfs about the Custome House." 3½ *pages.*

[About April 26.] 29. Petition of Mary Bingham, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, for the clearing of the arrears due to her husband, Capt. Charles Bingham, late of the regiment of Col. Thomas Erle, which captain was killed in the battle of Aghrim, leaving three children in great distress.

Minuted:—"26 Apr. '92. M^r Fox to put it on his mem^l."

With a schedule showing what was due to him. 3 *pages.*

April 27. 30. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captains Newcomen and Blashford, on behalf of themselves and the rest of the officers of the disbanded troops of Col. Woolesley's regiment of horse; certifying that there was due to them 5,539*l.* 0*s.* 11¼*d.* Dated 27 April 1692.

Minuted:—"10 May '92. Respited."

The petition and an Order in Council. 4 *pages.*

April 28. 31. Order in Council on the report of the Attorney-General respecting the petition of Tallbott Edwards, Esq., which prayed for letters patent or a lease of royal and other mines, which he conceived might be found in the islands of Nevis, Montserat, and St. Christo-

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pher's; referring the same to the Lords of the Treasury, to examine and report. Dated 28 April 1692.

Minuted:—" 20 June '92. Granted, if not comprehended in any other grant."

The petition and the report referred to. 2½ *pages.*

April 29. 32. Report of Jo. Knight to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Hugh Pyne, stating that upon searching the arrears of tenths he found the tenths of the rectory of Rayleigh, in the county of Essex, amounting to 1*l.* 15*s.* 9*d. per ann.*, returned in arrear, from the year ending Christmas 1688, and presumed they were unpaid for the subsequent years; but the Bishop having made no return for 1691, he could not be positive. The petitioner compounded for his first fruits on 8 Sept. 1690, so that there were three years arrear due from John Duff, the late incumbent (5*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.*), the loss of which must be sustained by the present incumbent, unless recovered from Duff's executors, or from their Majesties' bounty, out of secret service, by the recommendation of the Bishop of London. The easiest and cheapest way would be for the petitioner to pay the arrear into the Exchequer, and strike a tally for the same. Dated 29 April 1692.

Minuted:—" 3 June '92. To do according to y^e^ report."

Also the petition, having on it a brief testimonial by the Bishop of London. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

April 30. 33. Letter of the Duke of Bolton to the [Lords of the Treasury], praying for payment of 1,900*l.*, according to a note enclosed, as he had notice to command his officers to buy tents, &c., which they could not do without paying their old debts, &c. Dated at Hackwood, 30 April 1692.

Minuted:—" 10 May 1692. It cannot be don yet." 1 *page and* 3 *lines* (*quarto*).

[? About May 2.] 34. Petition of James de Cardonnel, secretary to the Duke of Schomberg, " and at present secretary to the Duke of Leinster," stating that by particular direction from the Duke of Schomberg he had disbursed several sums for intelligence in Ireland, and for other services relating to the army, amounting to 265*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.* according to the account annexed; praying for payment, together with his salary of 214*l.* 10*s.*

Minuted:—" 2^d^ May 1692. It being upon no establishment it cannot yet bee paid."

Also a copy, excepting that the prayer is a little altered, and the clause about his salary left out, and with it is a schedule of the disbursements. 5 *pages.*

May 3. 35. Letter signed Jo. Banks, addressed to the Com^rs^ of Customs, stating that pursuant to order of 19 Mar. he had paid 150*l.* to the Vice-Admiral of Essex. The money ordered for the Vice-Admiral of Suffolk had lain ready from the 26th of March. Sir Thos. Allen had complained to their Lordships that the writer had refused to pay

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250*l.* to him, at which he was surprised, as no one had demanded the same. It might be conceived that it was to cover his own neglect, &c. Dated 3 May 1692.

Two other letters on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

May 3. 36. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they are almost ashamed in less than eight days to disturb their Lordships again, but begging to be allowed to pray for a present supply; not knowing what occasions they might have in this exigency to despatch "Chyrurgeons," to provide materials, and especially to encourage the people to entertain the seamen sent on shore. Dated 3 May 1692. 1 *page.*

May 6. 37. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Jones, late farrier to the trains of provisions and artillery in Ireland, praying for the sum of 92*l.* 18*s.* due to him; in favour of the petitioner's claim. Dated 6 May 1692.

Minuted:—"Rec^d 10^th May 1692. It cannot be don yet. 9^th June '92. To be read when M^r Fox is here."

Written on the back of the petition.

Accompanied by three enclosures. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

May 7. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them that 1,370*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* had been paid to the officers of the customs in London, whose salaries did not exceed 60*l.* *per ann.*, that sum having been assessed on their salaries for 12 months. Dated 7 May 1692.

Minuted:—"10 May 92. My L^ds do agree to the rep^t."

Also a presentment relating thereto. Dated 27 April 1692.

Minuted:—"My Lords would know what sum was paid by the King on the other land tax for these officers; a letter of this." 2 *pages.*

May 9. 39. Report of the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Anthony Fewster and other owners of a ship, that brought from Holland the forces and equipage of the late Lieut.-Gen. Kirk, advising that 30*s.* a horse or 100*l.* be allowed for that service, as the ship was coming home from a voyage in the transport service. Dated 9 May 1692.

The petition and a letter relating thereto. 3½ *pages.*

May 9. 40. Letter signed by Jeff. Haford and Wm. Bradshaw to the Com^rs of Customs, acknowledging the receipt of orders for a general embargo upon all ships and vessels, pursuant to which they had sent a copy to Folkstone, Hithe, Romney, Dimchurch, and Lidd. Dated 9 May 1692. ½ *page.*

May 10. 41. Letter signed Watt. Devereux and Robert Underwood, without address, as to a boat on shore at Dimchurch, from which the

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writers' supposed goods had been landed; and as to the seizure of two persons on suspicion. Dated at Folkstone 10 May 1692. 1 *page.*

May 10. 42. Memorial from the Com^rs^ of sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they were daily called upon for above 30,000*l.* due to necessitous clamorous people, and were required to be on the coast whilst the fleet was at sea to take care of sick and wounded seamen sent on shore; and unless a fund were settled for the payment of their debt and a present supply, they could not discharge their trust, and the seamen would not be quartered, nor could they carry on the hospital at Plymouth. Dated 10 May 1692. 1 *page.*

May 12. 43. Letter of Jno. Sansom to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the non-observance of an order of embargo by the collector of Dover, several vessels having sailed from Folkston for France; enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Devereux and Mr. Underwood, riding officers of the customs upon that coast; announcing that they had secured two suspicious persons, who were endeavouring a passage from that part of the country. Dated 12 May 1692. 1 *page.*

May 12. 44. Order in Council referring to the Lords of the Treasury the petition of John Smith Heppendorp, Consul General over the coast of Barbary for the States General of the United Provinces; setting forth that he was directed by His Majesty to use his endeavour with the Emperor of Fez and Morocco for the redemption of about 350 English captives there; and that accordingly he repaired to Maquenez, but could not prevail to get them redeemed by reason of the exorbitant demands of the Emperor; praying to be allowed his disbursements and a recompense for his pains. Dated 12 May 1692.

Minuted:—"31 May 1692. To bee laid before the King at his returne."

A copy of his petition and a detailed account of his expenses.

Also a copy of the letter of instructions from King William to the petitioner. 7 *leaves.*

May 13. 45. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a petition of Nicholas Barret, who had broken the Navigation Laws by engaging foreigners to navigate a ship from Shoreham, to London, not objecting to a *nolle prosequi.* Dated 13 May 1692.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition and a certificate. 2½ *pages.*

May 20. 46. Letter from the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen to the Lords of the Treasury, sending an abbreviation of an account formerly delivered, showing the arrears and the growing charge. Dated 20 May 1692.

Accompanied by the abbreviate. 2 *pages.*

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May 20. 47. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying the appointment of Sir Richd. Rich, as Vice-Admiral of the county of Suffolk, in the room of Sir Tho. Allen, in order that the money appointed by the Lords of the Council might be paid him, for the "impresting" seamen in that county. Dated 20 May 1692. 1 *page.*

May 20. 48. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Christian, Esq., customer of Carlisle and late collector of Whitehaven, as to allowance for his losses, &c. Dated 20 May 1692.

Minuted:—"To allow the petitioner 200^li."

Also five enclosures, including the petition. 6 *pages.*

May 23. 49. Estimate of the arrears due for the service of the sick and wounded seamen, and exchange of prisoners at war; viz., arrears, 25,422*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*, and the year's charge, 40,000*l.*, if not much more. Dated 23 May 1692. 1 *page.*

May 23. 50. Order in Council, that the depositions and papers concerning the complaint made against Julius Deedes, Esq., (of having ordered several persons to rescue from the officers of customs in Kent 16 bags of wool, which were seized in Scotney barn near Hythe,) should be sent to the Lords of the Treasury, that they might hear and examine the parties concerned, and report thereon. Dated 23 May 1692.

Minuted:—"To bee heard this day fortnight, Friday, & all parties to have notice." ½ *page.*

May 24. 51. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Theodore Drury, their Majesties' first engineer in Scotland; praying for his pay as captain reformed in Lieut.-General Mackay's regiment. Dated 24 May 1692.

Minuted:—"9^th June '92. To be read when my L. Ranelagh is here."

The petition and two other enclosures. 2 *pages and two halves.*

May 25. 52. Letter of the Duke of Leinster to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing an account of what necessaries had been delivered to his secretary for the use of his office, for the payment of which he desired Lord Ranelagh might have directions; also putting their Lordships in mind of his disbursements in Ireland when secretary to his father. Dated 25 May 1692.

The account referred to, entitled:—

"Stationers ware, delivered to James Cardonnell, Esq., secretary to his Grace the Duke of Leinster, General of their Majesties' forces for the use of his office, 1692." 2½ *pages.*

May 27. 53. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the estimate of the 23rd inst., previously forwarded, and stating that they had received advice from one of the Board at Portsmouth, that the people were so

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vehemently pressing for arrears that he could not prevail for quarters until he gave the people assurance that their Lordships had already ordered money for that end. Dated 27 May 1692. 1 *page.*

May 31. 54. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Green, Jacob Cozon, and Thomas Smith, concerning the shipment of certain unwrought copper, prohibited from exportation by an old Statute of 2 & 3 Edw. VI.; not objecting to the grant of a *nolle prosequi.* Dated 31 May 1692.
Minuted:—"A nolli prosequi is granted."
Also the petition and a certificate. 1 *page and* 3 *halves.*

May 31. 55. Memorial of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, begging they would be pleased to order him 600*l.* or 700*l.* to meet the expense of various trials. Dated 31 May 1692. 1 *page.*

May 31. 56. Certificate of Sir Robert Howard, that there was due to Bridget Darcey, administratrix of John Darcey, Esq., one of the executors of the Lady Mary Howard, upon an annuity of 200*l. per ann.* granted to the said Lady Mary for 19 years and three quarters, 150*l.* Dated 31 May 1692. 1 *page.*

June 3. 57. Memorial from the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that their Lordships had ordered 2,000*l.* a month for 10 months for that department, and begging to know whether it began from 1 Jan. or 1 March last. Dated 3 June 1692.
Minuted:—"3 June '92. To beginn from ye 1^st^ of April, & my L^ds^ have directed letters to ye Comm^rs^ of y^e^ Navy & Victualling to pay it." 1 *page.*

June 3. 58. An account of inquisitions taken and returned into the Exchequer. Dated 3 June 1692.
Signed: "Aaron Smith."
The persons' names on whom the inquisitions were taken are—

The Marquis of Powis.	Lord Preston.
Sir Patrick Trant.	Lord Thomas Howard.
Earl of Dover.	Sir Henry Bond.
Sir Roger Strickland.	Sir Edw. Herbert.
Mr. Robert Fielding.	Earl of Melfort. 3 *pages.*

[? June 3.] 59. Report of J. Richards, Controller of the office of the Treasurer of the Chamber, on the petition of Sir William Forester, who had supplied Sir Rowland Gwynne with money, amounting to 500*l.*, for his necessities in Holland. The report prays that the Lords of the Treasury would move the Queen to grant a warrant for the appointment of a person to pay their Majesties' servants, &c. Dated 3 *May* 1692, but most likely a mistake for June as it was referred to him to report on "on 27 May last."
The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

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June 6. 60. Report of Charles Fox [Paymaster of the Forces] on the petition of Philip Coleby, Richard Alcock, Tho. Hawgood, and Robert Lord, tradesmen, who had furnished the regiments of Oxford, Selwin, Trelawny, and Tiffin with clothing and other accoutrements; informing their Lordships of the arrangements that had been made for the payment of clothiers, that the said tradesmen proposed taking tallies, &c. Dated 6 June 1692.

Minuted:—"9 June '92. To be read when Mr Fox is here." 1 *page.*

June 6. 61. Report of the same paymaster to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lieut. John Levingston, praying payment of 52*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* due to him for his services in the Danish forces; shewing that by "the account stated," that amount was due, and he had been paid only 10*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* by the Commissary, who had no more money in hand; and the petitioner was kept from serving the King by the want of money to carry him to Flanders. Dated 6 June 1692.

Written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 7. 62. Memorial of the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that on 9 March they had presented an account of the charge of the Irish prisoners in the Savoy, who had been sent to France, and there was due to several people 620*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* for the subsistence of the prisoners, &c.; heartily and humbly beseeching their Lordships to give order for relief. Dated 7 June 1692.

Enclosing a debtor and creditor account concerning the prisoners. 3 *pages.*

June 8. 63. Letter signed "Nottingham," sending, by the Queen's command, to the Lords of the Treasury, a memorial from Col. Robert Echlin, concerning money for the recruits and accoutrements of his regiment, that they might give orders thereon. Dated 8 June 1692.

Part of a page (*quarto*).

June 9. 64. Order in Council, on the petition of William Scawen, of London, merchant, and other owners of the "King William," yacht, which came from Jamaica express, when the Earl of "Insiquin" died, with a packet for their Majesties' service; praying liberty for the vessel, with nine seamen and three landsmen, to return and bring home their effects; referring the matter to the Comrs of Customs. Dated 9 June 1692.

The petition. 2 *pages.*

[About June 9.] 65. Petition of Capt. Joseph Bennett, of the Hon. Sir John Morgan's regiment of foot, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that considerable arrears of pay were due to him for services in Ireland in the late Col. Charles Herbert's regiment of foot, on which petition Mr. Fox had favourably reported; praying that 50*l.* might be paid on account.

Minuted:—"9th June '92. To be read when Mr. Fox is here." 1 *page.*

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June 10. 66. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Peter Daval, agent to the regiment of foot under the command of Brigadier la Malonier, advising the reimbursing the agent for the sums paid by him. Dated 10 June 1692.
Minuted:—"5th July, 92. Mr. Fox to put it on his memorial."
2 *pages.*

June 11. 67. Extract of a letter from the officer at Whitby, giving an account of the chasing an English pink into Robin Hood Bay, by five French privateers. The ship, when taken, was ransomed by the master going on board one of the privateers until 200*l.* came to him from Scarborough. They reported that they had 25 masters of ships on board on the same account, and that they were on the coast to receive their ransoms. It was suspected that they had great encouragement from the Jacobites, who would gladly go on board them to France. Dated June the 11th, 1692. ½ *page.*

June 13. 68. Certificate, signed Gr. Bowen, testifying that their Majesties' ketch, called the "Hart," of 10 guns, was taken by a privateer of 28 guns, 10 leagues from Padstow, being laden with imprest men, bound to the fleet. She likewise took the "Blessing," of Broadhamson, in which the privateer sent 106 men ashore. The privateers had done great mischief on that coast, and took the best vessel of the port of Padstow, called the "Hopewell." The [said] privateer took, about 10 days before, five barques in sight of that port. The masters prayed for some small frigates to clear the coast, there being 14 privateers between that port and Ireland. Dated 13 June 1692. 1 *page.*

June 14. 69. Report of William Tailer, deputy surveyor, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Edisbury, finding that there were two leases granted to him and his brother Dr. John Edisbury; the one in 1683 of lead and coal mines in the hundred of Prestallyn, co. Flint; and the other, very lately, of copper or other metal, found there. 40*s.* rent was reserved on the former, and 6*s.* 8*d.* on the latter. A tenth of the clear profit was payable to the Crown, and the prayer of the petition was, that their Lordships would admit of a composition for their Majesties' tenth part (or tenth dish as the petition calls it). It seemed so uncertain and chargeable an undertaking, that it was impossible to inform their Lordships what the yearly value would amount to, and therefore he could not say what was a reasonable composition for the tenth. The petitioner offered 50*l.* as a fine; but the surveyor left it to their Lordships' judgment as to accepting it. Dated 14 June 1692.
Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 15. 70. "Necessaires de termino Pasche anno regni Gulielmi & Mariæ, Rs & Regine quarto anno Domini 1692."
Also for Trinity Term following.
The articles supplied are chiefly of the nature of stationery.
Trinity Term ended 15 June. 1 *very long page.*

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[June 15.] 71. A bill of law charges for their Majesties' Com^rs and Governors of the revenue of hearth-money, beginning Hilary Term, 1691, to the end of Trinity Term, 1692. 7 *pages (half folio).*

June 17. 72. Memorial of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the repair of the barns belonging to Benefield Farm, in Northamptonshire. Dated 17 June 1692.
Minuted:—"20th June '92. The barns to be repair'd." 1 *page.*

June 17. 73. Memorial of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their Lordships' directions touching the defending their Majesties' tenants at Oatlands, late Sir Edw. Herbert's, against a demand of tithes in kind, there being a composition or rate tithe only due. Dated 17 June 1692.
Minuted:—"20th June '92. If pursu'd it must be defended." 1 *page.*

June 18. 74. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them that they had forwarded such advertisements to the Com^rs of the Admiralty, as they had received from any of the ports of the appearance of any French privateers on the coast, and that they had given direction to the officers of customs in the out-ports to give advice directly to the Com^rs of the appearance of all sorts of ships and vessels before their ports, but having received fresh complaints of continual depredations by the French privateers near the shores and harbours of this kingdom, and also of Ireland, they laid the same before their Lordships, praying some remedy. Dated 18 June 1692. 1½ *pages.*

June 18. 75. Report of the Com^rs of Customs in Ireland on the petition of Elizabeth and James M'Cartney as to the balance due on the last account of M'Cartney, and other matters of account; and, further, as to a seizure made of his property by Mr. Peter Knowles, his successor in the collectorship of Belfast, after he was forced out of the kingdom by the outrages of the Irish, under pretence that he had run away in the late King's debt; in favour of assisting them in the recovery of what was due. Dated 18 June 1692.
Minuted:—"My Lords agree with the Com^rs report, 14 Oct. 1692."
There are two other minutes, the last of which was "30 Oct. '94. The debt likewise to be discharged."
Also the petition. 1 *page and* 2 *half pages.*

June 18. 76. Report of the Com^rs of Customs in Ireland on a petition of Mr. Jemmett, collector of Londonderry, for extra allowance for managing both the ports of Londonderry and Coleraine, for which he had only received his usual salary as collector of Londonderry. Dated 18 June 1692. 2 *pages.*

June 20. 77. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Brabant, one of the King's waiters

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in the port of London; praying leave to surrender his office in favour of Mr. Samuel Enos, testifying to his fitness for the office, &c. Dated 20 June 1692.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also three enclosures. 3½ *pages.*

June 21. 78. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the gentlemen, freeholders, and inhabitants of the counties of Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan, praying for the encouragement and support to be afforded them, as intended by the Act for encouraging the exportation of corn, &c. The customs of the port of Milford not being sufficient they prayed that the deficiency might be made up from other ports; advising that there was "no rule, either in law or practice, to transport money from one port to another to supply this occasion." Dated 21 June 1692.

Minuted:—"27 June '92. My L^ds agree w^th this report."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 23. 79. Report of Abraham Yarner to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them a statement of what was done in relation to the account of the Danish forces, and all other accounts relating to the army. Dated 23 June 1692.

Minuted:—"27 June '92. Copys of these to be sent forthwith to M^r Blathwait."

Another report on the same subject and of the same date. 4 *pages.*

June 27. 80. Two reports, both dated on the same day, of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Alcock and others, (1st) concerning the clothing of Col. Erle's regiment of foot, and (2nd), concerning the clothing of Col. Beveridge's regiment of foot, viz., as to the amount of off-reckonings due. Both dated 27 June 1692.

Accompanied by three petitions. 5 *pages.*

June 27. 81. Report of the Lords of the Treasury to the Queen, on the petition of Gilbert Heathcoat and Arthur Shallett, of London, merchants, and upon the petition of John Lloyd, merchant, of London, the former praying leave to redeem two ships laden with Spanish wine and soap, and the latter, to redeem the ship "Adventure," and her lading of Portugal wine and oil; all taken by the French. Advising that permission be granted. Dated 27 June 1692.

Also seven enclosures.

Minuted:—"To be don." 8 *pages.*

June 27. 82. Report of E. Pauncfort on the petition of Robert Johnson and others, which states that in their former petition 533*l.* 5*s.* remained due to them, for equipage furnished by them, for the regiment of horse under command of Col. Villiers: he thought it reasonable that they should be satisfied. Dated 27 June 1692.

Also copy of the report alluded to.

Minuted:—"To be put on M^r Fox's memorial." 2 *pages.*

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June 30. 83. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the copy of an extract of a letter from Col. Nicholson, Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, to the Earl of Nottingham, touching the levy of 1*d.* a pound on tobacco carried from one plantation to another; and the oaths to be taken by the officers. Dated 30 June 1692
Also the said extract. 2 *half pages.*

June 31. 84. "Capt^n Phillips his case."
A paper so headed addressed to the Earl of Nottingham, Principal Secretary of State; showing that he was second engineer of the company of miners and dismissed by Duke Schomberg's order; and the loss of 590*l.* *per ann.* and near 650*l.* arrears had reduced him extremely; showing further that whilst he was suspended, he went down to Portsmouth to put that place in a posture of defence, the French being on the coast, and was sent thence to Cork and Kinsale, &c., desiring he might have his arrears or his salary.
Minuted:—"31 June 1692. Referred to the officers of the Ordnance." 1½ *pages.*

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July 1. 1. Letter of the Earl of Nottingham to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the Queen was informed that there was a great mortality at Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, suspected to be the plague; and telling them Her Majesty would have them give directions for vessels from thence to make a quarantine. Dated 1 July 1692. 1 *small quarto page.*

[About July 1.] 2. Petition of John Underwood, John Charters, Abraham Hackenbrook, Thomas Abrahams, and Edward Price, showing that they had given credit to several of the Dutch "provoes," and some of the officers, for meat, &c., since they came from Ireland, and to their wives and families, whilst they were there, or they must have perished; and 70*l.* was due for the same, which Capt. Velt Hoven, Provost Marshal General to the Dutch forces, promised to pay; praying it might be stopped and paid to them, out of what was to be paid to the Provost Marshal. Received 1 July 1692.
Minuted:—"Referred to my L^d Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

July 6. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury upon a great variety of charges made against John Dutton Colt Esq., collector of Bristol, of misconduct in his office.
They state that the evidence was very conflicting, and so they laid the testimonies themselves before their Lordships. Dated 6 July 1692.
[The other papers which should accompany these, are not now with them.] 10 *pages.*

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July 6. 4. Memorial of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning cracked money received by the officers of excise, in pursuance of an Order in Council, but refused to be received from them by the officers of the Exchequer, amounting to 1,708*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*; which when melted was of the value of 1,329*l.* 7*s.* 7½*d.*, praying for a warrant to allow the loss. Dated 6 July '92.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

July 7. 5. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of David de Bery, merchant, advising that liberty should be given to reship certain lead; the ship having been wrecked and the cargo landed. Dated 7 July 1692.
Minuted:—"12 July '92. Agreed to."
[See 19 Apr. 1692 for another report on the same matter.]
Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

July 7. 6. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Cornelius Noortwick and Derrick Meyn, respecting a certain commodity called "hars," 400 casks of which had been imported, being of a similar nature to resin, which was prohibited to be imported from Holland; advising that it should be admitted. Dated 7 July 1692. Also the petition.
Minuted:—"12 July '92. Agreed to, provided there be nothing in it of y^e growth or manufacture of France." 2½ *pages.*

July 10. 7. An attested copy of a letter of Lord Lucan, dated at Paris, addressed to Mr. Geo. Clarke, begging him "to represent the matter right" about certain ships and goods in which he was concerned, which appear to have been seized as prizes, in violation of some agreement entered into by General Ginckell and the then Government of Ireland. Dated 10 July 1692.
Minuted:—"My L^ds agree to it, paying ye charges of ye officers of ye prizes." 2 *pages.*

July 12. 8. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Bere, officer of customs at Carlisle; praying to be reimbursed 74*l.* 4*s.*, laid out in pursuance of the directions of the Earl of Shrewsbury, late Secretary of State, for subsisting Irish prisoners in the garrison of Carlisle; offering no objection to his being reimbursed. Dated 12 July 1692.
Minuted:—"Agreed to, & ye mony to be p^d by M^r Fox to M'Knight."
Three enclosures. 6 *pages.*

July 13. 9. Report of Sir John Somers, Attorney-General, on the petition of Elizabeth, Countess Dowager of Castle-Haven, praying for the continuance of certain quit rents to the value of 500*l.* *per ann.*, and that the Com^rs for the Revenue in Ireland might grant process for levying those rents; recommending compliance with the prayer of the petition. Dated 13 July 1692.
Minuted:—"To be sent to the Justices of Ireland, to know if they have any objection to M^r Attorney's rep^t."

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Also the petition and copy of three certificates respecting the kindness manifested by the Countess to the Protestants in Ireland. 5 *pages.*

July 15. 10. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Stephen Chase, chafe-wax to the Great Seal of England, in favour of his claim of 75*l.* for rent, &c., his room being useless during 12 years, from the ruin of the buildings of the Court of Wards, at the end of Westminster Hall; in favour of his claim. Dated July 15, 1692.

Minuted:—"To be paid by the paym^r of ye work, 75^li." 3 *pages.*

July 15. 11. Memorial of Peregrine Bertie, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had made a survey of the port of Bristol, and delivered a report thereof, in which he set forth certain frauds and irregular practices in that port; which report Mr. Colt, the collector there, affirmed was malicious and false; praying to be heard by counsel. Signed P. Bertie. Dated 15 July 1692.

[See a report of the Com^rs of Customs, dated 6 July 1692, which throws great light on the charges brought against Mr. Colt. No. 3.] 1 *page.*

July 19. 12. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners at war to the Lords of the Treasury, earnestly praying for payment of 3,612*l.* 10*s.*, for arrears, and for a supply for the maintenance of near 400 French prisoners at several ports, which would amount to about 70*l.* per week; otherwise they would perish, and the English in France would run the same fate. Dated 19 July 1692. 1 *page.*

July 19. 13. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Yates, of Kingston-upon-Hull, who was prosecuted in the Exchequer upon two bonds, given not to send a ship and her lading to France, which ship was afterwards taken there; certifying that he was so weakened in his credit by his imprisonment, &c., that there was little prospect of recovering anything out of his estate. Dated 19 July 1692.

Minuted:—"The Lds do not think fitt to stop process."

Accompanied by five enclosures. 7 *pages.*

[About July 19.] 14. Proposal of Francis Molyneux, Wm. Woollet, Wm. Willcox, and others, concerned in clothing the regiment of horse commanded by Col. Francis Langston, to advance 4,000*l.*, provided their Lordships would strike tallies on three fourths of the customs for their debt of 3,235*l.* 4*s.*, and the 4,000*l.* on the quarterly poll.

Minuted:—"July 19, 1692. Agreed by the Lords," &c. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 20. 15. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Harrison, master of the ship "Elizabeth and Mary," going to Oporto; stating that notwithstanding a protection from the Admiralty four of his men were pressed from him in the Downs into their Majesties' service by the "St. Alban's,"

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prize, in consequence of which he was unable to get English hands, the convoy being just ready to sail; not objecting to relief being given. Dated 20 July 1692.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition, and an affidavit. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 20. 16. Report of Charles Fox, Esq., one of the Paymasters-General of the forces in Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elizabeth Danvers, widow, executrix of Capt. Michael Miller (of Sir Henry Ingoldsby's regiment of foot); who was killed at the Newry, in Ireland, viz., as to the claim made by her for his pay. Dated 20 July 1692.

Minuted:—"She must stay till y^e^ acc^ts^ of the reg^mt^ be adjusted."

The Report is on the back of the petition; there are also four certificates relating thereto. 6 *pages* (*quarto*).

July 21. 17. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the arrangements for the observance of quarantine in the River Thames; expressing their apprehension that sufficient caution was not exercised, in distinguishing ships from the West Indies from others in the impressment of seamen, and praying to know whether the order for performing quarantine might not extend to ships from Jamaica, as well as the other islands, commonly called the Leeward Islands, as they were informed that the sickness and mortality was at Jamaica as well as the Leeward Islands. Dated 21 July 1692..

Minuted:—"A ketch order'd as is desir'd, y^e^ Com^rs^ of the Cust to give an acc^t^ of the information they have of y^e^ mortality in Jamaica."

There is also a proposal for an effectual execution of the quarantine by the appointment of certain ships, &c., between the Essex and Kentish coasts. 1½ *pages.*

July 22. 18. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Thomas Tyndale, praying for the place of one of the patent waiters in the port of Bristol; certifying that he was qualified for the same. Dated 22 July 1692.

Also the petition. *Two half pages.*

July 22. 19. Paper, *docquetted*:—"Coppy of my Lord Melforts lettre to Mons^r^ de Pont Chartrain."

The writer [who was secretary to King James the Second] had previously written in favour of Geraldine (or Gerardin) but that letter was not to be considered in opposition to the claim of Butts, the English commissary. The Lord Lucan had shown the writer the article in the capitulation of Limerick, referring to the transport of the Irish troops into France; and the King did not wish to give any advantage to his enemies by infringing the terms of the capitulation. The claim of Butts is therefore to be strictly discharged, and he is to be treated well by the officers of justice, when engaged upon his affairs at Nantes.

Dated at St. Germain-en-Laye, 22 July 1692. (*French.*) 10½ *pages.*

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July 22. 20. Letter of the Com^rs of Farthings addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them with a grant made to Mrs. Bridget Darcy of 400*l.* *per ann.* to be paid by them requesting their Lordships' directions before they made any payment. Dated 22 July 1692.

Minuted:—"The L^ds do agree to y^e paym^t & a letter to be sent to y^e Com^rs accordingly." 1 *page.*

July 25. 21. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the proposals of the governor and company of copper miners for the coining of pence, half-pence, and farthings for England, Ireland, and the plantations, of English copper, after the rate of 2*s.* for each pound weight "Haverdupoiz," for the term of five years, they paying annually 2,500*l.* and advancing the first year's rent; and their coinage to be limited during that term to 500 tons, stating that copper had the preference of other base metal for making such small coins; that the produce of 500 tons would amount to 112,000*l.*; that the proposers might coin with advantage, at the rate of 22*d.* the pound weight, and include the whole charge of coinage and the proposed rent of 2,500*l.* *per ann.* if they could vend such a quantity; that the governor and company should be obliged to make their coins from the ore of one or more mines in England or Wales; that the standard be equal in fineness to the copper, whereof the Swedish money was made; that copper be assayed; that books of accounts be kept by their tellers of what quantities of copper coins were made, and that their proposed coins might not be imposed in payments but only permitted to pass in voluntary exchanges. Dated 25 July 1692.

Also the proposals. 3 *pages* (*one quarto*).

July 25. 22. "An abstract of Brigadier Steuarts pretensions," before the Lords of ths Treasury, showing that there was 4341*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* due to him for military services in Ireland. Dated (on the back) "July y^e 25^th^ '92."

Accompanied by a copy of a memorial from him, offering to procure an advance of 4,000*l.* upon the land or poll tax; provided he might have tallies thereon, or upon any other good funds. The memorial was dated 22 June 1692. 2 *pages.*

July 26. 23. A paper containing memoranda of loans under different heads. *Part of a page.*

July 27. 24. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, reminding them of previous memorials; earnestly intreating immediate consideration.

With the following postscript:—

"Since the above written, we have advice of about 150 French prisoners added to our charge, and every day more expected." Dated 27 July 1692. 1 *page.*

July 27. 25. Copy of warrant to Sir Robert Howard, Knt., Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer, requiring him to cause the principal

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sums comprehended in the annexed list, amounting to 374,901*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* to be repaid to the several persons who had lent the same out of the three last quarterly payments of the poll money, together with interest at 6 per cent. out of the one-fourth of the customs unappropriated. Dated 27 July 1692.

A list of the persons who had advanced the loans. 4 *pages.*

July 28. 26. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles Hanbury, one of the King's waiters in the port of London; praying to be allowed to surrender his office in favour of Mr. Henry Esday. Dated 28 July 1692.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Two enclosures. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

July 29. 27. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Heysham and Thomas Merret, of London, merchants, to Her Majesty and the Lords of the Privy Council; praying the shortening of quarantine to two ships which had arrived from Barbadoes; stating that the crews looked well. Dated 29 July 1692.

Minuted:—"My L^ds^ can doe nothing in it till a full Board."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 1. 28. Letter from the Duchess of Cleveland to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that she had waited with a great deal of patience for her payments from the Post Office, and was forced by the clamours of her creditors to remind their Lordships of her claims. Dated 1 Aug. 1692.

Minuted:—"This matter was ordered on deliberation of the whole Board, therefore the Lords do not think fit to consider of any alteration of it till the Board is full." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 5. 29. Report of the Com^rs^ of the Revenue of Ireland on the petition of Mr. Francis Babe, Surveyor-General of the Inland Excise and other papers transmitted therewith, expressing their belief that after the victory of the Boyne he contributed to secure the Custom House in Dublin and divers other offices, and the books and papers, which contributed much to their Majesties' service, and that on their arrival there they found him very ready and forward to assist them, wherefore they confirmed him in his employment as surveyor-general, and further speaking highly of the discharge of his duties. Dated 5 Aug. 1692.

Accompanied by four petitions, and some other papers relating thereto. 16 *pages.*

Aug. 8. 30. Report of the [Com^rs^] of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury on the proposal made in behalf Sir Polycarpus Wharton. They state that the office of Ordnance was alleged to be indebted 7,000*l.* to him, but they found there was not due to him (imprests deducted) more than 2,000*l.*; there was, however, one imprest of 3,000*l.*, which had lain long in his hands. He had been at great expense in repairs and providing materials, more particularly under

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a contract of 1687, for 11 years, obliging him to serve the stores with 1,200 barrels of powder annually; which he performed till they had no saltpetre to deliver to him. The Com^rs represent the necessity there was to keep the mills at work during the war, as they made no less than half the powder of England, and they believed that without some encouragement, Sir Polycarpus must dismiss his men and let the mills. It would be no small encouragement if the 7,000*l.* desired were paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Ordnance, on his account. Dated 8 Aug. 1692.

Minuted:—"9th Sept. '92. To be laid before my L^ds on Wenesday next."

A letter of Sir Polycarpus Wharton, in explanation of or reply to the report, and two other papers relating thereto. 4 *pages.*

Aug. 10. 31. Report of the Lords of the Treasury to the Queen, stating that they had considered the petition of John St. Leger, Esq., and the report of the Lord Lieutenant thereupon, in which it appeared that the petitioner's estate in Ireland had suffered by the rebels there, to the value of above 6,000*l.*, and himself and family were reduced to great necessities; he further prayed for a grant of the concealments he could discover, to repair his losses, reserving one-fourth to the Crown; expressing their opinion that what moneys should be discovered and recovered, by aid of the Exchequer, should be paid into the Exchequer in Ireland, and one-third be reserved to the Crown, and the residue be issued, as royal bounty to the petitioner, for his services and sufferings. Dated 10 Aug. 1692.

Accompanied by the report of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland, and the petition referred to.

Minuted:—"8 Sept. '92. The King hath appointed a generall commission to enquire into all forfeitures, & therefore this must bee respited, till it bee seene whether these forfeitures bee in the returne of that commission." 4 *pages.*

Aug. 11. 32. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Richard Price, executor of Ambrose Thelwell, certifying their Lordships that Thelwell having been a collector of excise in Hertford and Bedford, had returned his money by Willm. Barber, a maltster at Luton, who usually returned the excise money for preceding collectors; and that in the year 1688, Barber having received 603*l.* from Thelwell, and not paid the same at the Excise Office, Thelwell seized his estate, which realised 249*l.* 1*s.* 10½*d.*; the remainder being due, besides 163*l.* 17*s.* 5½*d.*; advising that 353*l.* 18*s.* 1½*d* be allowed on the account. Dated 11 Aug. 1692.

Minuted:—"My Lords do not agree to this report." 2 *pages.*

Aug. 12. 33. Report of William Tailer, deputy surveyor, made to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Bickerstaffe; finding that the like request was made to King Charles II. in 1668, by the Lord Herbert of Cherbury, who desired a lease of such mines, minerals, coal-mines, and quarries, as he should discover in the

1692. county of Merioneth, on which the Attorney General and Surveyor General reported favourably on 16 May 1668. He was uncertain if any grant was obtained, but the contrary was alleged, and suggested that a lease in such general terms as was then advised might be granted to the proposer, but the offer of a thirteenth part was less than usual. He had known a sixth part reserved, and never less than a tenth, as was then made payable on lead and ore, in the county of Flint, by Dr. Edisbury.

He had also reported that day on the petition of the Earl of Macclesfield, wherein the same mines were desired. Dated 12 Aug. '92.

Minuted :—"To stay till my L[d] Macclesfield's rep[t] is brought in. 9[th] Sept.

"To be laid before y[e] Queen when D[r] Ed. Seymour is here. 25 Oct. '92.

Accompanied by the memorial. 2 *pages*..

Aug. 15. 34. State of the case of the "Henry" of London, which was seized in Ireland by the agent to the Commissioners for prizes, and by him delivered to Lieut.-Gen. Sarsfield's agent at Dublin, upon security of 1,700*l.* for payment of the value of the ship and goods. Dated 15 Aug. 1692. 1 *page.*

Aug. 16. 35. Letter signed G. Boothe [to the Lords of the Treasury], inclosing the petition of John Fisher and James Ammond, reporting that the petitioners did belong to the smack, which was carrying the Lord Preston, &c. into France; and in many particulars showed their zeal for their Majesties' service. Dated 16 Aug. 1692.

Minuted :—"To be considered out of the first money that shall come into y[e] Exchequer, out of y[e] L[d] Preston's estate.

The petition is not now with it. 23 Aug. 1692. 1 *page.*

Aug. 18. 36. Report of the Commissioners of Sewers for Sussex on the petition of Robert Colepeper, gent., setting forth that the lands mentioned in the petition contained several thousand acres of which the petitioner had about 50; 5,000 acres or more were anciently very low brook lands, or moors adjacent to the river of Rother, and long before the reign of Henry VIII. "sewed" into the sea at Rumney, through Rumney Marsh, distant from Rye towards the north-east several miles. The harbour of Rye then and now ought to lie on the west side of Rye town, towards Winchelsea, but the sea breaking suddenly into a small sewer between Guildford Marsh and some low brook lands near the town of Rye, on the south-east side, flowed several miles up into the counties of Kent and Sussex, and drowned several thousand acres of land, and by the violent flux and reflux of the sea far up into the country formed a channel on the east side of the town of Rye; and thereupon the inhabitants of Rye and their western neighbours began to divide and share the harbour by "inning" or embanking several parts thereof from the sea. This increased the flow of the channel and made it more easy

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to gain more land out of the harbour, which the inhabitants did not omit to do; and thereby left little more than a channel, now called Rye ferry. Afterwards the owners of the drowned lands gained them from the sea, and in 1627 there was not 18 inches of water at ebb tide, where Rye town would then have a harbour, instead of their own harbour, which lay on the other side of the town. When the drowned lands were regained from the sea and the harbour of Rye shut off from the sea, the sea lodged so much "sleech or slubb" in the Rother, as soon stopped the sewer thereof; and thereupon the Rother rose to that height that it surrounded 3,000 acres with fresh water. This alarmed the country, as well to recover the drowned lands as to preserve the 2,000 other acres of land, then decaying, and in danger of being lost, and thereupon several "indraughts" or receptacles were made to receive the salt as well as the fresh water at convenient times to be issued forth, both together, violently on a bare channel so as to maintain a depth and breadth sufficient to "sew" the said lands; and whilst the indraughts had any good effect the channel was of some tolerable depth, but the sea in time lodged so much slubb or sleech in the "indraughts," that it became feazable to make dry land of the same, and to preserve the sewer of the river of Rother also. And thereupon the country was at vast charge in designing the recovery of the one and the preservation of the other. The town of Rye foreseeing that they might lose the channel, exhibited a petition to King Charles the Second, and His Majesty was satisfied that the town of Rye had no pretence for a harbour on the east side of the town, which was formerly firm land, and part was meadow or "brook" land, and given by the Abbot of Roberts-Bridge to the corporation of Rye. The deed of grant among the records at Rye, was not many years before perused, and they conceived that His Majesty was satisfied by the Governor of Dover Castle that no charge or art could make a convenient harbour at Rye, to receive either men-of-war or merchant ships. And the Com^rs of Sewers shut the sea out of a level called Wittersham Level, for which the owners of the upper levels had for many years paid over 3,000*l. per ann.*, and they had embanked nearly all that level. One end of Wittersham Level lay near the channel, on the east of the town, and the sea, by agreement between the owners of Wittersham Level and of the upper level (decreed in Chancery) being let into part of Wittersham Level, as an indraught, soon blew up all walls and drowned the whole level, and by the flux and reflux of the sea over that level, for about 50 years, the town of Rye during that time had the conveniency of that channel, &c. The town of Rye ought to consider that their harbour was and ought to be on the west of their town, and to consider the means to retreive their harbour, and not to imagine the drowning a country which had been at several hundred thousand pounds charge, to secure itself from being drowned. The country had also been at great charge to procure the famous Mons. le Plau, (the surveyor of the Fen Level in Lincolnshire,) to take a journey to view these levels and works. The Com^rs further thought it not requisite for the security of the

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country to consult new surveyors about projects of navigation, and forts which no law obliged them to undertake; and they conceived the petition and the two certificates were altogether "projectory" and would never tend to the service of the public. Dated 18 Aug. 1692.

Minuted:—"5th Octo. 1692. Nothing to be done."

Accompanied by the petition and the certificates of the Mayor and jurats of Rye, and the Mayor and jurats of Hastings, in relation to the said harbour. The former is in favour of Robert Colepeper's scheme, and states they "make no doubt but the navigable channel, proposed by Robert Colepeper, gent., will soon render that harbour very serviceable to men-of-war to defend the coast and other navigation and be presented safe and fit to be done by a jury;" without which the town would soon be undone, and the navigation both of these countries and the kingdom much damnified, &c. 3 *pages,* 2 *of them large brief size.*

Aug. 19. 37. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury stating that they had nothing to object to the grant of the office of collector of the woollen cloth and petty customs prayed for by Nicholas Hardy. Dated 19 Aug. 1692.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also two enclosures. 4½ *pages.*

Aug. 23. 38. Report of Sir John Somers, Attorney-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Williams, gent., respecting the lordship and town of Haverfordwest, in the county of Pembroke, which the petitioner claimed by assignment from the trustees for the city of London, and respecting the rent reserved to the Crown, &c. Dated 23 Aug. 1692.

Accompanied by the petition and a schedule containing "A true coppy of the severall rents as they stand charged in the view books & records" in the office of the auditor of Wales, "as alsoe an acct of what rents are reserved to the Crowne out of the grants made to the trustees for the citty of London."

This was sent to Sir John Somers, Knt., Solicitor-General, and is gathered from a letter dated 29 Feb. 1691–2, written at the end of the schedule.

Minuted:—"The Lds cannot alter ye charge." 9 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Aug. 23. 39. Order in Council on the petition of Thomas Taylder and Avice his wife, who were tried at the assizes in Cornwall for fraudulently and deceitfully persuading one Gertrude Crowgie, widow, who was then "languishing," to seal a certain deed in their favour; the petitioners allege that although the evidence was not sufficient, yet it being urged by the counsel against them that they were fanatics and frequenters of conventicles, the judge directed the jury to find them guilty, which they did, and the said Thomas had remained in prison for four years.

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The order refers the matter to the judges, who go the Western Circuit, to report to this "Board." Dated 2 June 1692.

There are divers minutes on the back in relation to it, one of which, on 14 Oct. 1692, states that my Lords have no objection to the judges' report.

Also the petition.

Further Order of Council, on 23 Aug. 1692, transmitting a report in favour of the petitioners, by Mr. Baron Turton, who tried the case, to the Lords of the Treasury for their opinion.

The copy of the report and a petition of Arthur Newman, gent., who married the only daughter of Gertrude Crowgie; praying for time to bring up his witnesses. 4½ *pages.*

Aug. 30. 40. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seaman, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the French prisoners multiplied daily, and the countries where they were subsisted refused "further to run in score;" they were continually oppressed with clamours; 500 seamen had arrived from France, whose freight with contingencies must presently be paid; the arrears on 24 June were 3,612*l.* 10*s.*, of which they had received but 1,500*l.*; the charge since had risen to above 100*l.* a week; there was no money to pay the weekly subsistence of the prisoners, nor any credit; 470*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* was due for the Savoy prisoners, in which several poor families were concerned, one of which was reduced to that low ebb that (if not kindly prevented) he would in mere despair of his share, have "liquidated all his acc^ts in the river of Thames, &c." Dated 30 Aug. 1692. 1 *page.*

Aug. 30. 41. Letter of Henry Guy, to the Com^rs for managing the revenues in Ireland, enclosing the Order of Council, which referred to the Lords of the Treasury, the petition of James Clarke of Dublin, merchant, as to certain barrels of salt taken from the petitioner at Waterford, for the use of the army, for which he sought payment; for the report of the Com^rs. Dated 30 Aug. 1692.

Minuted:—"Report: 4th Oct. 93. My L^ds can doe nothing in it." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 31. 42. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking that the Com^rs of Revenue for Ireland should be directed to transmit an account of what tobacco was landed from any port of England. Dated 31 Aug. 1692.

Minuted:—"A letter to bee written accordingly into Ireland." 1 *page.*

Aug. 31. 43. Memorial of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the state of the account between the officers of the Customs and the East India Company, seeking that speedy remedy might be taken on their bonds. Dated 31 Aug. 1692.

Also the state of account. 3¼ *pages.*

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Feb.-Aug. 44. Three acquittances given by His Excellency Col. Kendall, and two by Patrick Mein, to Edwin Stede, Esq., their Majesties' Commissioner, of the duty of 4½ *per cent.* arising and to be collected in the island of Barbadoes, upon the receipt of moneys for salary of the Colonel, and of sugars, &c. to be disposed of to pay the Duke of Bolton's regiment, in the Carribee Islands, under the command of Col. Henry Holt. Dated between Feb. and Aug. 1692. 5 *pages.*

Aug. 45. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edmund Maud (in the petition the name is "Maund"), administrator to his brother George Maud, late a quarter master in the royal regiment of horse, praying payment of what was due to his brother when he was killed [in Ireland]. Dated August 1692.

Written on the back of the petition.

Minuted:—"To be considered when ye acc^{ts} of ye Regim^{t} are adjusted." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 1. 46. Order of Her Majesty in Council, on the petition of Edmund Prideaux, Henry Ustick, and Matthew Remington, Esqrs., praying for a privy seal upon a warrant granting them one-third of all such moneys as should be recovered of divers persons, who formerly levied several sums of money upon dissenters, in cases of recusancy, &c., and did not pay the same into the Exchequer; approving the report of the Lords of the Treasury, which was adverse to the grant to the above petitioners, and recommended the employment of Thomas Baker and Peter Stepkins, who were early in the discovery of these concealments, and that others should be employed in the same manner. Her Majesty further recommended to the Lords of the Treasury the above petitioners in addition, for the employment. Dated 1 Sept. 1692.

Minuted:—"5th Octo. 1692. Mr. Prideaux et al., to attend Friday afternoon next." 1 *page.*

Sept. 6. 47. Report of Sir J. Somers, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Richard Reed, heir-at-law to Richard Reed, late of Gubberhill, in the county of Gloucester, deceased, who was a papist seised of a house and lands of about 30*l.* a year value, and made a lease to his niece Mrs. Ann Brent, for 21 years, on the expiration of which the petitioner entered; after which it was found by inquisition that the premises were conveyed by the said Richard Reed, to the use of the nuns of the English monastery at Cambray, and were seized into the King's hands as forfeited, being settled to unlawful and superstitious uses: the report states that the petitioner insists that neither of the two deeds mentioned are real, but set up to defeat him, being a Protestant heir of the estate; and that he prayed he might have a grant of what title the King might have by the inquisition. Dated 6 Sept. 1692.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"14 Octo. 1692. Agree with Mr. Atturney's Report." 4 *pages.*

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Sept. 6. 48. Petition of John, Earl of Bath, to the Queen, showing that he had surrendered his patent, for the office of groom of the stole and first gentleman of the bed-chamber, with a pension of 5,000*l. per ann.*, &c., and had released the crown from a debt of 20,000*l.*, in consideration whereof he had had a new patent granted him for continuing the pension, under which he had received the same until Lady Day then last, when it was stopped by the new Commissioners. Praying that he might have what was justly due to him.

Signed:—"Bathe."

Minuted:—"6 Sept. '92. The stop shall not do him any reall prejudice, but at this time the money cannot be spared." 1 *page.*

[About Sept. 7.] 49. Petition of the Governor of the charity for relief of the poor widows and children of clergymen, addressed to the King and Queen, showing that King Charles II., in 1678, had erected a corporation for the relief of widows and children of clergymen, and that 240 decayed widows were then, though not proportionably, relieved; and that there were many more whom they were not able to relieve; also showing that Dame Mary Huddlestone, late of the Strand, in the liberty of the duchy of Lancaster, widow, deceased, by her will had left the residue of her property to Gabriel Cox, of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, in trust for such poor "ancient people" as he thought most wanted it; that Cox is a Papist convict, and believed to be in France, and that a considerable part of the estate lay in a chest in a tradesman's house, in the liberty of the duchy. Praying it might be applied to the above charity.

Minuted:—"7 Sept. '92. Referred to Mr. Aaron Smith, to inquire and certify how this matter of fact stands, and if he have a case to attend Mr. Attorney or Mr. Solicitor for their opinions." 1 *page, torn.*

[About Sept. 8.] 50. Particulars of 193*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*, furnished by the Com^rs^ of the victualling to Col. Trelawney's regiment in the Downs.

And for 16*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* for hay and oats, at Deal, in their passage from Portsmouth to Ostend.

And for 148*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for 840 men and 40 horses, of the same regiment, in the same passage.

Also particulars of the following sums charged, viz., 177*l.* 16*s.* 9½*d.* for provision for 800 men of the Lord Castleton's regiment, in their passage to Holland.

114*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* for brandy casks, with charges thereon, and in shipping 420 soldiers for the Leeward Islands.

4,917*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* for provisions furnished the several regiments shipped from the River Thames.

347*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* for provisions furnished Col. Erle's regiment, in their passage from Plymouth to Ostend.

255*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* for stabling and water casks, for 30 ships, sent to Cork and Waterford, to bring horse to Bristol.

142*l.* 10*s.* for pilotage to 31 vessels, from the Downs to Ostend, having the Danes on board which they brought from Ireland, and 861*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* for provisions for the said Danes.

"Received and sworne to Septem^r^ the 8^th^ 1692." 12 *pages.*

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[?About Sept. 8.] 51. "The perticulars of sallaryes paid to February 1691–2. [Transport Office.]"
On the dorse is:—"Received and sworne to, September ye 8, 1692." 1 *page.*

Sept. 13. 52. Letter signed Jo. Cope, addressed to Henry Guy, Esq., at the Treasury Chambers at Whitehall, as to the stoppage of payments ordered by them upon dormant warrants; requesting he may be paid his ground-rent of the custom-house forthwith. Dated "Little Chelsey," 13 Sept. 1692. 1 *page.*

Sept. 14. 53. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth their requirements; viz., 2,888*l.* for agents' bills at Bristol, for provisions for 2,000 Irish carried to Hamburgh; 375*l.* to the Scotch masters that victualled and brought three regiments of foot from Leith; 760*l.* for a month's freight to the same, who went on the expedition from Portsmouth; 1,145*l.* to the masters of ships who brought three regiments from Holland; 895*l.* to 13 ships hired in Holland by the month, some to carry provisions to Portsmouth and others to carry horse to Holland, at 10*s.* per month per ton; 1,005*l.* to masters that carried 402 horses to Holland; 467*l.* 19*s.* for freight of four ships attending the embarkation of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, &c; 12,000*l.* for transports, the agents in Flanders acquainting them that 40 sail with stores of war were ordered to Newport, and 40 more of the largest to Rammekins in Zealand, and stating that the agents by the Earl of Portland's order passed their word for payment of the pilotage of those ships, and for the freight of "Billanders" that landed stores, &c.; and 1,068*l.* 15*s.* for half a month's freight of 12 ships hired to carry horses to Holland that went as far as the buoy of the Nore, &c. Dated 14 Sept. '92. 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 19. 54. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Tho. Brown, late a lieutenant in the company of fusileers, and the company of miners, and then going a captain in Col. John Foulkse's regiment to the West Indies, praying for arrears of his pay Dated 19 Sept. 1692.
Minuted:—"Hee shall bee paid as far as the regiment where hee now is, & his arreares as the others are paid." And in another place, "My L. Ranelagh to pay w^t^ is due to him upon ye English establishm^t^, if he have no objection thereunto."
Accompanied by two petitions and a duplicate of the second. 4¼ *pages.*

[About Sept. 19.] 55. Petition of Abraham Yarner, Esq., Muster-master General of the forces in Ireland, showing that he had received 100*l.* for the journeys he had taken to England, and his attendance there, and that of his clerks, but the work proved more laborious than was expected; occupying him and five able assistants, and could not be completed under two months. Desiring a further sum.
Minuted:—"19 Sept. '92. To give an account wha this extraordinary expences are." 1 *page.*

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Sept. 20. 56. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Berenzone, commander of the "St. John the Baptist," from Geneva, seized under the Navigation Act, expressing the opinion that the case might admit of a favourable consideration, and that the ship might depart with her lading, &c. Dated 20 Sept. 1692.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 21. 57. Memorial by the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the charge of sick and wounded seamen put on shore at Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands. Dated 21 Sept. 1692. 1 *page.*

Sept. 21. 58. Presentment by the Com^rs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, for the following sums, viz., 2,888*l.* for agents' bills, at Bristol, for provisions for 2,000 Irish, carried to Hamburgh; 760*l.* for a month's freight advanced to the Scotch masters, who brought three regiments of foot, and were then gone on the expedition from Portsmouth. [*Minuted:*—"To bee p^d when they return."]

1,145*l.* to the masters of ships who brought three regiments from Holland; 1,005*l.* for masters who carried to Holland 402 horses. [*Minuted:*—"By 300 a week;"]

467 for freight of ships attending the embarkation of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; 12,497*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* for transport ships ordered to Newport and Rammekins in Zealand. [*Minuted:*—"To be p^d by assignmn^ts"].

They had at present endeavoured to satisfy many indigent masters with good words, but if they continued it would be impossible to prevent a mutiny among them.

Further for 1,068*l.* 15*s.* for half a month's freight of 12 ships hired to carry horses to Holland. Dated 21 Sept. 1692. 2 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 23.] 59. Petition of John Pye to the Lords of the Treasury to be restored to his employment of solicitor for the coast bonds, he having been dismissed for non-attendance, and a Mr. Nash appointed.

Minuted:—"A warrant for Mr. Pye & that hee executes it himselfe."

Also two enclosures. Dated 23 Sept. 1692. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 24. 60. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Johnson, concerning certain silks brought from Holland, which were landed by the master of the vessel which brought them, and taken to his house at Greenwich, where he embezzled part and then gave information to the officer of customs at Gravesend, who seized them. Dated 24 Sept. 1692.

The petition and a letter of Capt. Nash, the officer of customs.

Minuted:—"With the Commiss. of Cust. Fisherman to bee rewarded."

Again:—"Cannot bee granted." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 27. 61. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lewis Prothoro, praying to be allowed to resign

1692. his office as one of their Majesties' waiters in the port of London, in favour of Mr. Edward Heron; stating that they had nothing to object thereto. Dated 27 Sept. 1692.
Minuted:—"14 Octo. 1692. Agreed."
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 28. 62. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the French prisoners daily increase, for whose subsistence, bringing back English prisoners, &c., 3,000*l.* were due, which must be paid immediately or the prisoners must starve; that they were daily called upon for 1,200*l.* by the commanders of ships at Barbadoes, for disbursements for sick and wounded seamen, &c., and unless they could pay 470*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, to clear the arrears of the Savoy, several of the poor people protested they would lay their children at the Com^rs^ doors. Dated 28 Sept. 1692. 1 *page.*

Sept. 28. 63. Presentment of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, asking to be allowed 2,888*l.*, 760*l.*, and 1,145*l.* (as in the presentment of 21 Sept.) [the last *minuted* 400], 705*l.* to masters that carried 402 horses to Holland [*minuted* 300], 467*l.* 19*s.* (as in the previous presentment), 12,447*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* for freight to the masters of ships who carried over ammunition, &c. to Ostend, and 1,068*l.* 15*s.*, as in the previous presentment. Dated 28 Sept. 1692. 1½ *pages.*

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Oct. 1. 1. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Turner, one of the King's waiters in the port of London, praying leave to surrender the office in favour of Nicholas Raynton; not objecting thereto. Dated 1 Oct 1692.
Also the petition and a letter of the petitioner. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 5. 2. Presentment by the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, asking to be allowed the sums referred to in their previous presentment of 28 Sept. Dated 5 Oct. 1692. 1½ *pages.*

[? About Oct. 5.] 3. A letter of Thomas Pottinger, of Belfast, merchant, to Sir Stephen Fox, one of the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had impaired his stock by his zeal for their Majesties, and desired to be paid 103*l.* 8*s.* which he had lent to and disbursed to several officers of the army. His other services might be considered when their Majesties' affairs admitted. He had discovered 4,261*l.* due to their Majesties upon prize goods in Ireland, and begged to be allowed to speak with their Lordships.
Minuted:—"5th Octo. 1692. Agreed to be assigned."
Accompanied by his petition.
The petition minuted:—"To bee deducted when the souldiers are paid." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

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[About Oct. 5.] 4. Petition of Thomas Johnson, Esq. to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that his father was "a Coldstreamer" and very instrumental in the restoration of King Charles the Second, and in the present revolution; in consideration of which the petitioner enjoyed a grant of the rents of the manor of Liskeard, parcel of the duchy of Cornwall: praying that their Lordships' order to stop the payment of the same might be revoked.

Minuted:—"The stop to continue, 5th Oct. '92." ½ *page.*

Oct. 7. 5. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edward Evans and other inhabitants of "Lusom," Greenwich, and Deptford, complaining of disorders committed by the Earl of Argyle's regiment, and praying payment of 34*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*; stating that he had sent the petition and several papers annexed to it, to Mr. David Camball, agent to the regiment, whose reply accompanies the report, together with the other papers. Dated 7 Oct. 1692. 11 *pages or parts of pages.*

Oct. 12. 6. Memorial of the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, in the same terms as that of 28th Sept., except that nothing is said about the Savoy debt. Dated 12 Oct. 1692. 1 *page.*

Oct. 12. 7. Presentment of the Comrs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, asking to be allowed the sums referred to in the previous presentment of 5 Oct. (one or two being a little altered), and in addition 55*l.* 10*s.* to the master of the ship "William and Alice," for piloting their Majesties' ships up the River Shannon, whereby the siege of Limerick was much advanced; 286*l.* to Obadiah Butler whose ship was lost in carrying provisions from London to Ireland; and 6,598*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* to the masters of 14 ships which carried horses, &c. to Holland. Dated 12 Oct. 1692. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 17. 8. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Theophilus Hill; praying payment of 65*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, due for belts delivered to Col. Herbert's regiment of foot. Dated 17 Oct. 1692.

Written on the back of the report.

Minuted:—"16 June 1693. Agreed according to the report." 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 19. 9. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Taylor, landwaiter in the port of London; praying to be allowed to resign his employment in favour of Richard Browne, keyman. Not objecting thereto, "But the constant opinion and practice of this Board has been, by all meanes, to discountenance and discourage any private agreement for the surrendering or obteyning any of the places upon the establishment; that ye filling up ye same may be without any other consideration besides the fitnesse of the person presented." Dated 19 Oct. 1692.

Minuted:—"Refus'd."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 21–Jan. 17. 10. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Michael Clipsham, setting forth that he had served upwards of five years as deputy King's waiter, but had received none of the allowance of 20*l. per ann.*, appointed to be paid by the principals (Mr. Talman and Mr. Apprice) to their deputies; laying before their Lordships the difficulty they were placed in by the refusal of the two patent officers to pay the allowance, and suggesting that their salaries should be withheld until they made payment. Dated 21 Oct. 1692.

Eight enclosures, one of which is a presentment that the above officers were about to surrender their offices, and had not then paid the petitioner. Dated 17 Jan. 1692.

With *minutes* that the officers were to attend their Lordships and give their answers. 6 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

Oct. 21. 11. Report of Viscount Sydney [Lord Lieutenant of Ireland] to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Phillips, Esq., and on several reports and papers annexed, viz., as to the debt owed by Joseph Dean and John Stepney to their Majesties, which far exceeded what was due to them out of the petitioner's estate [in the county of Londonderry, which was mortgaged to them for 3,669*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*]; in favour of the petitioner [who prayed for a release for the money due on the mortgage]. Dated 21 Oct. 1692.

Accompanied by the petition, which is *minuted on the dorse:*—"R. to Mr. Lowndes to report what Dean & Stepney's proportion of the debt due to the King upon that undertaking does amount unto, 16th Febr. 1690–1.

And again:—"To be referred to the Commissioners of Ireland to report the whole matter & their opinion therein."

There are also the report of the Com^rs of Revenue for Ireland, Mr. Lowndes' report, and six other papers on the same subject.

[It is stated in one of the other reports that he rendered very important service to their Majesties, particularly in preserving the city of Londonderry from falling into the hands of the Irish]. 18 *pages.*

Oct. 22. 12. Letter by command of the Lords of the Admiralty to Henry Guy, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, sending copy of a letter received from the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. Dated 22 Oct. '92.

Also the copy of letter, stating that the Com^rs had ineffectually solicited theLords of the Treasury for payment of about 1,200*l.*, charged by commanders of ships at Barbadoes, for the sick and wounded seamen, sent on shore there, &c. 1½ *pages.*

[? About Oct. 24.] 13. Copy of a certificate by the "Earl of Longford and Granard," showing that Nicholas Gaynor, of Black Castle, in the county of Westmeath, "behaved himself with all civility, respect, and friendship towards the Protestants in this neighbourhood, whom he assisted in all good offices within his power, during the government of the late King James and the Earl of Tyrconnell;" also that he

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was illtreated by the Irish for inclining to the English interest. Dated 19 Feb. 1690–1.

Also copy of two other certificates to the same effect; dated 3 Dec. 1690 and 24 Oct. 1692. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 24. 14. Letter of Viscount Sydney, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, about the allowance of 40*s.* to the clerk of the crown, for each person outlawed; stating that he had put a stop to the allowance, as there were already 4,000 persons outlawed, and the number was daily increasing. Dated 24 Oct. 1692. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 26. 15. Presentment of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, asking to be allowed most of the sums referred to in the presentment of 12 Oct., and in addition, for 7,311*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* for masters of 17 ships that carried horses to Holland; they further report that they were discharging the transport ships from Flanders as fast as they could, but were delayed by their requiring convoy home, &c. Dated 26 Oct. 1692. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 31. 16. Memorial of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring their Lordships to order money to satisfy bills of exchange for about 1,200*l.* unpaid, for sick and wounded seamen in the West Indies. Dated 31 Oct. '92.

Minuted:—"Munday afternoone." 1 *page.*

Oct. 31. 17. Report of Sir John Somers, Attorney-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Adolphus Curtius, Esq., son of Sir William Curtius, Bart; (1), respecting the services of the petitioner's father, rendered to Kings Charles I. and Charles II., as resident with the Princes of Germany, and the amount due to him (14,255*l.*), which remained unsatisfied at his death, &c.; (2), as to a grant of the abbey of Newenham, in the parish of Godlington, near the town of Bedford. Advising that the petitioner might be gratified in this respect, "because then it will be the interest of the petitioner to defend his own title, and thereby support the right of the Crown," &c. Dated 31 Oct. 1692.

Minuted:—"24 Apr. '93. The Lords do not thinke fit to advise the King to dispose of any forfeited lands to particular persons."

Also the petition and a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury 4 *pages.*

Nov. 2. 18. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring them to take care for the speedy supply of such money and credits as were wanting for paying the short allowance money to the companies of the squadron going to the West Indies, the squadron being ready to sail. Dated 2 Nov. 1692.

Minuted:—"My Lords have already discoursed & settled this with the Commissioners of the Navy." 1 *page.*

Nov. 2. 19. Presentment of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, to be allowed the same sums as they asked for, in

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their presentment of 26 Oct., and for 12,422*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.* for discharging 35 transport ships which came from Flanders. Dated 2 Nov. 1692. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 5. 20. Memorial of Mr. Aaron Smith, praying the Lords of the Treasury to order the Auditor for Northamptonshire to give Pipwell Abbey, and other lands, &c., in Oakley, Rushton, and Wilbarton, in Northamptonshire (late the Lord Powis'), in charge to the Receiver General. Dated 5 Nov. 1692.

Minuted :—" Ordered to bee done." ½ *page.*

Nov. 8. 21. " An acco^t of the money that has been designed for y^e Navy, by the several Parliaments since 1688, with what hath been received thereof, and what remains in arrear to the 8 of Novemb^r 1692."

With " a state of this year's account distinctly to the 8^th of Nov. 1692." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 8 22. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating their debt for the French prisoners, and bringing them over amounted to about 4,662*l.* 10*s.*, and that the agents and marshals say they must starve the prisoners, or beg leave to let them go at large. Praying a supply to suppress these clamours. Dated 8 Nov. 1692.

Also a duplicate signed by one more Com^r. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 9. 23. Presentment of the Com^rs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, asking for the payment of the sums of 2,888*l.*, 760*l.*, 456*l.* 15*s.*, and 1,068*l.* 15*s.*, previously sought for, and for 19,422*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.* for the discharge of the freight of ships for 300*l.* to masters of Scotch ships that brought three regiments of foot from Leith to the Thames, viz., for the time they lay wind-bound in Leith Roads, for 126*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* for provisions for forces carried to Holland, being at sea longer than eight days, for 425*l.* to pay ships laying unemployed a month and six days being ready to convey horses. Further praying their Lordships to represent them so to His Majesty that they might stand right in his opinion, it having been represented that certain oats laid in for the descent, and then brought back from Ostend, were " naught," and not fit to be kept for further use, whereas they were then so good that they could have the price they paid for them. Dated 9 Nov. 1692. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 10. 24. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Cooke, respecting a mistake in the entry of certain " perpetuanos " and " Colchester bays " entered outwards in the port of London, advising relief to be granted. Dated 10 Nov. 1692.

Minuted :—" Agreed to y^e rep^t y^e officer being gratifyd for his paines & trouble."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 10. 25. Proposal made by the Lord Lanesboro' and Onesiphorus Albin as to farming the aliens duties upon goods imported. They proposed to pay 30,000*l.* *per ann.* for the farm, that they should be made Com^rs of Customs, that they should have the benefit of the

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King's part during the farm, upon all goods "taken upon the run," and Albin was to deposit 30,000*l.* in the Exchequer, and to be allowed 8*l.* per cent. thereon, &c. Dated 10 Nov. 1692.

Minuted:—" 2 Dec. '92. Referred to the Commiss. of the Customes."

Also [a little later in date]:—

The reply of James, Viscount Lanesboro', and Onesiphorus Albin to the answer of the Com^rs of the Customs, made to their last proposal, of getting farmers to advance the customs by strictly collecting all manner of duties which aliens and all that came under that head ought to pay. 4¼ *pages.*

Nov. 12. 26. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Lavie, a French refugee, who was bound for Giles Biggs, of London, merchant, a bankrupt, on whose bankruptcy the petitioner was arrested and imprisoned; praying to be discharged from his bonds and imprisonment. Dated 12 Nov. 1692.

Minuted:—(1.) " M^r Lowndes to state his case to bee laid before the King.

(2.) " If his Ma^ty pleases to signe a warrant to M^r Attorney to supersede the processe the pet^r will be enlarged.

(3.) " Processe to be stopt."

Accompanied by four enclosures. 3½ *pages.*

Nov. 12. 27. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mary Jones, widow, setting forth that the petitioner's father-in-law, Robert Jones, was customer and collector of the customs in the port of Lyme, and when the late Duke of Monmouth landed there he took from her father, by violence, 200*l.* of the King's money, and afterwards, her husband dying in that employment, was charged with between 300*l.* and 400*l.*, which was then required of the petitioner, of which the above 200*l.* formed part. Recommending allowance to be made her for the 200*l.* Dated 12 Nov. 1692.

Minuted:—" Granted."

Accompanied by four enclosures. 3 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Nov. 16. 28. " Journall of the orders to, and proceedings of, the Com^rs for Transportacion, in matters relating to the desent" [upon France, then projected], commencing thus:

" 1691–2, March 5. Order from the Earle of Nottingham to the Comm^rs of Transportation, to provide shipping for 3,500 men and 380 horses, to be ready at Kinsale by the end of that month, and shipping for 4,000 men and 1,500 horses, to be ready in the river of Thames by the end of April."

The journal is continued to 22 July, but is dated Nov. 16, 1692. 12 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 29. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Master and other merchants of London, owners and laders of the ship " William," which was captured by the

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French, praying for licence to redeem the ship, and import the goods without seizure. Dated 16 Nov. 1692.

Minuted :—" Cannot bee granted."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 18. 30. Certificate of D. Pigeon, Deputy Auditor, on perusing the accounts of Richard Kent, Esq., late Receiver General and cashier of the Customs, for a year ended at Michaelmas 1688, as to what appeared to be due to John Harrison, comptroller of customs of Ipswich. Dated 18 Nov. 1692. ½ *page.*

Nov. 22 and 26. 31. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before their Lordships such things as had occurred to their observation as fit to be altered or amended in the laws relating to customs, the laws fit to be renewed, and such other things tending to the enlargement or improvement of the revenue. Dated 22 Nov. 1692.

Also a letter of Mr. Sansom, dated 26 Nov. 1692, relating thereto.

Accompanied by three enclosures, *headed,*—

(1.) " Further rules and instructions, by way of explanation and supply, of such laws as have been found either obscure or insufficient for preventing abuses and frauds in the exercise of trade, and payment of their Ma^ties^ customs.

(2.) " A memorial of the laws relating to the customs and other duties, under the management of the Com^rs^, which are now expiring.

(3.) " A proposal for the rectifying a mistake in the late Act for laying an imposition upon East India goods, the laying a further duty on French goods, the encouragement of seizers and takers of prize goods, and for raising more money upon merchandise for their Ma^ties^ supply." 12 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 24. 32. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, computing their arrears for prisoners at 5,000*l.*, and asking for tallies upon the East India goods, or other proper fund, to supply this exigency if they could not obtain money. Dated 24 Nov. 1692. 1 *page.*

Nov. 28. 33. Letter of John Povey to Mr. Guy stating that the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations would expect at their meeting to receive the opinion of the Lords of the Treasury upon the petition of the Assembly of Maryland, touching the 12*d.* per hogshead for 25 ships that left that province in 1690, which they prayed might be received by Col. Copley; as also upon Col. Copley's proposal touching bonds to be taken from ships trading to Maryland. Dated 28 Nov. 1692.

Accompanied by another letter by him of 26 Nov., and a letter signed Jo. Knight, on the same subject; and the report of John Povey to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Assembly of Maryland, concerning the impost money of 25 ships that came

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from that province without paying the duties there, in the year 1690, stating that, by an Act of the Assembly of Maryland, 2*s.* a hogshead on tobacco exported thence was granted to the lord proprietor of Maryland, of which one moiety was appropriated to the Government, and on taking that province under the protection of the crown Her Majesty in Council, on 26 Feb. 1690, ordered one moiety of the 2*s.* per hogshead to be applied for government of Maryland, and the other to be received by the Lord Baltemore, as proprietor of that province; and Col. Copley was directed to take care that one quarter part of the moiety should be applied to maintain a magazine for the defence of the country, and to receive the remaining three-quarter parts to his own use, as Governor of that province. The Convention of Maryland had disposed of 940*l.* of the moiety of the impost for 1692, before the arrival of Col. Copley; the Assembly prayed that Col. Copley might have the whole moiety of the impost for the 25 ships, but the Receiver-General of Customs was directed to demand from the masters of 26 ships (which came from Maryland in 1690, without paying the duties,) 1,730*l.* 19*s.* (whereof the moiety of the impost of 2*s.* per hogshead, amounted to about 735*l.* 15*s.*), and the Receiver-General was directed to pay to the Lord Baltemore 465*l.* 19*s.* from the moiety of the impost of 2*s.* a hogshead from the said 26 ships; in consideration of the like sum due to Lord Baltemore, out of the duties received from several ships in 1690, and no account being rendered by the Receiver-General he could not inform their Lordships whether any part of the 1,730*l.* 19*s.*, due from the 26 ships, had been received, &c. Dated 23 Sept. 1692. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 29. 34. Letter signed John Knight to Henry Guy, Esq., enclosing a copy of what he sent on 1 Oct. Dated 29 Nov. 1692.
[The copy is not now with it.] ½ *page.*

Nov. 29. 35. Letter from John Sansom to Mr. Guy, sending the Com^rs^ [of Customs'] report upon the extract of a proposal made by Col. Copley, Governor of Maryland, and their report upon a draught of instructions, prepared for the Principal Com^rs^ of Prizes. Dated 29 Nov. 1692.
These papers are not now united, but there is a letter signed Jo. Knight, transmitting an account containing the several sums received for the duties and revenue belonging to the colony of Maryland, and what had been paid and issued by their Lordships' warrants. Dated 28 Nov. 1692. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 1. 36. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the Act of Prohibition of French Commodities, viz., how to qualify it, so as to give encouragement to the taking prizes, yet so as to prevent collusion, and all fraudulent importations, under pretence of capture. Dated 1 Dec. 1692. 1½ *pages.*

About Dec. 1. 37. Petition of Capt. Walter Wareing to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he raised a company in the regiment of foot

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commanded by Henry, late Lord Herbert of Cherbery, and frequently subsisted them, but by sickness, contracted in Ireland, he was forced to retire to England, and 93*l.* 3*s.* were due to him; praying an order to the Paymaster-General to pay the same.

Minuted:—"Referred to Mr. Fox."

Accompanied by his account, certified on 1 Dec. 1692. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 30 and Dec. 5. 38. Presentment by the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the sum requisite for sending four regiments of foot and 100 horses for the officers from England to Ireland, including the estimate for provisions; also mentioning that 809 quarters of oats from Ostend were landed, 12 of which were damnified, the rest being good and worth 14*s.* a quarter; asking whether they were to be kept or sold. Dated 30 Nov. 1692.

Repetition of the presentment in the same terms, dated 5 Dec. 1692.

In the margin is this minute:—"1,000*l.* to bee p^d^ presently for ye provisions." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 6. 39. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Pennell, master of the ketch called the "Crane," of Dartmouth, which vessel, on its arrival at Virginia, ran aground, and part of the goods were put on board another vessel, thereby incurring forfeiture; recommending the case to the favourable consideration of their Lordships. Dated 6 Dec. 1692.

Minuted:—"My Lords agree to this rep^t^."

Accompanied by the petition and an affidavit. 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 8. 40. Report of the Com^rs^ for Transports to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Edwards, master of the ship "John," of Bristol, advising that he should be paid the amount of his claim (68*l.*), he having been forced into the worst kind of service, viz., the carrying sick men to the hazard of his health and that of his seamen. Dated 8 Dec. 1692

Minuted:—"Respited, 16 June 1693."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 10. 41. Proposal by the Lords of the Admiralty, as to the payment of the two marine regiments, &c. out of moneys to be particularly appointed for that service. Dated 10 Dec. 1692.

Minuted:—"To see what the whole service comes to, to be paid on the navy 'against Sunday.'" 1 *page.*

Dec. 12. 42. Report of the [Commissioners] of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Harris to His Majesty for the storekeeper's place at Windsor Castle; recommending that the place be discontinued, as no way useful, and a saving of 50*l.* a year; but if the King thinks it should be continued, that they may enjoy their ancient power of disposing of such employments without control, and, having previously refused to appoint the petitioner, that they may appoint one of the clerks of their office, as it was their humble

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opinion that the petitioner having applied himself in the manner he had done, after a refusal, was the highest contempt imaginable put on them, &c. Dated 12 Dec. 1692.

Minuted:—"28 Dec. '92. The place to bee sunke."

The petition and letter of the Secretary to the Treasury. 3 *sheets.*

[About Dec. 13.] 43. Report of Philip Ryley [Esq., Surveyor-General of Forests south of Trent], on the offices of surveyor of the King's lands, and surveyor of the woods; stating that those offices were united until 27 Hen. 8, when the Court of Augmentations was erected, and that in the 33d year the Court of General Surveyors was erected, the Lord St. John being Surveyor-General of Woods; stating various probable reasons for the establishment of the latter office, amongst which the enrolment of leases of the crown lands, the omission of which had caused great wastes, particularly in St. Leonard's and Rockingham forests. Suggesting the re-union of those offices, and asking for 100*l.* *per ann.* for clerks; 200*l.* *per ann.* being usually the salary of the surveyor of the lands, and 200*l.* more for extras.

Minuted:—"13 Dec. 1692. This to bee read when the Lords consider this proposall for his place." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 44. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Hayes to be admitted as a tidesman in fee in place of William Wade; that they had nothing to object as to his qualifications, but "that the petitioner is not of that rank of extraordinary tydesmen, out of w^ch this Board hath alwayes presented tydesmen in fee; and also that the constant opinion of this Board has been against private bargaining for surrendering or transferring offices." Dated 14 Dec. 1692.

Minuted:—"Agreed with the Report."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 16. 45. Presentment by the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, seeking for 2,888*l.*, for a claim for provisions for 2,000 Irish, carried to Hamburg, referred to in previous presentments of 14 Sept., &c., for 1,575*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.* remaining upon their presentment of 29th past, for provisions, freight, &c. for four regiments of foot, with the officers' horses from Bristol and Biddeford; also for 17,535*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* for freight of 36 ships discharged from the transport service. Dated 16 Dec. 1692. 1 *page.*

Dec. 17. 46. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Chidley Brook, receiver of the revenue of New York, praying for power to be granted him to make one or more deputies under him; not objecting to his being allowed to do so. Dated 17 Dec. 1692.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 47. Letter of Viscount Sydney, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had considered the petition of Sir Joseph Horn, K^nt, &c., and that he found by the annexed certificate

1692. from several of the officers who held out at Ballyshannon and other adjacent garrisons in the co. of Donnegall, for the King, against King James, that there was used by the garrisons of Ballyshannon, Donnegall, and Castledooran, several goods which belonged to Henry Caldwell, Esq., one of the petitioners, and that he was never compensated for them. He could not tell the value of the goods, but was of opinion that the petitioner should receive satisfaction for whatever he made out their value to be. Dated Dublin Castle 17 Dec. 1692.

Minuted:—"11 Apr. '93. The petr to come & make out wt ye value of ye goods were according to my Lds rept."

Accompanied by the petition and certificate referred to, and the letter from their Lordships, referring the matter to the Lord Lieutenant. 4 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 48. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, reminding them that there was no care taken for furnishing Sir Francis Wheler with money or credit for defraying the charge of sick and wounded seamen who should be put on shore in the West Indies. Dated 19 Dec. 1692.

With a brief enclosure. 1 *page.*

Dec. 22. 49. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, sending extracts of two letters from the Comrs of the Navy and Victualling, applying for money, and desiring their Lordships to take care for a timely supply for the Navy. Dated 22 Dec. 1692.

Accompanied by the two extracts. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 30. 50. Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty, desiring that accounts of all moneys paid by Order of Council unto the Vice-Admirals of the counties, upon account of impresting seamen for the service of the fleet, should be sent to the principal officers and Comrs of the Navy as soon as might be. Dated 30 Dec. 1692. 1 *page.*

Dec. 30. 51. Presentment by the Comrs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, the first two entries of which are the same as in the previous presentment, of 16 Dec.; asking also for 21,116*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*, being the freight of 41 ships discharged from the transport service, &c. Dated 30 Dec. 1692. 1¼ *pages.*

Dec. 30. 52. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring them to take care that money should be presently furnished, for paying the arrears of the "Mary," "Assistance," and other ships, nearly ready for sea, equal with the rest of the fleet. Dated 30 Dec. 1692. 1 *page.*

[Perhaps 1692.] 53. Report signed "Coningsby" [to the Lords of the Treasury], on the petition of Capt. Abraham Blacksford, in favour of the payment of 60*l.* to such person as he might depute, he having been indisposed when other officers were paid their arrears in Ireland. Undated. Coningsby, a Lord Justice in 1692.

Minuted:—"Ordered." 1 *page.*

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54. Petition of Robert Johnson and others, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their Lordships to grant them tallies for 533*l.* 5*s.*, in payment of equipage, by them furnished for the regiment commanded by the Hon. Edward Fitz Gerald Villiers, in May 1690. Undated, but the present year 1692 mentioned. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

1692. 55. A paper *docquetted*, "Allowances to Garter King-of-Armes, and other officers of arms, upon carrying the Garter to foreign Princes, extracted from y^e^ Signet Office." Consisting of abstracts of warrants in connexion therewith, from 1668 to 1692.

Accompanied by another paper, "Extracted out of the books of the Heralds' Office, and from the printed book of the Order of the Garter, respecting other allowances to that officer in the reigns of Edw. VI. and Elizabeth." 3½ *pages.*

[?1692.] 56. Petition of the clothiers of the first regiment of Foot Guards, concerned with Mr. Harnage in clothing the regiment, stating that Mr. Harnage agreed with them to procure tallies upon the clause of the Poll Act, for all the moneys due to them for clothing the regiment for 1691 and 1692; and to raise moneys to be lent into the Exchequer. He required 6 per cent. from the petitioners for the moneys or for the tallies he should obtain from their Lordships, to clear the contracts, promising to pay his own proportion of charge. He procured the loan of the moneys, and their Lordships granted tallies upon East India goods, and appropriated 12,199*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* towards clearing the clothiers' contracts; since which Mr. Harnage by his interest at the Earl of Ranelagh's office, had received the full sum (1,300*l.*) due on his own contract, and 706*l.* under pretence of 6 per cent. for fees and gratuities, though not upon the clause of the Poll Act, and making other complaints against him, and praying that their Lordships would immediately cause him to deposit the 706*l.* and the 400*l.* (received more than his due proportion) in the agent's hands, to the end that each man might receive his share, paying his part of the charge.

The answer of Richard Harnage to the petition of the clothiers of their Majesties' first regiment of Foot Guards.

The return to Mr. Harnage's allegations (in eight paragraphs) in answer to a petition of the clothiers of the first regiment of Foot Guards; transmitting a copy of the contract between them and the said Harnage and praying for a hearing by counsel, before their Lordships, or for redress.

Accompanied by the copy. Dated 21 Oct. 1692.

The petition is *minuted* thus:—

"Referred to my L. Ranelagh, who is desired to call all parties before him, & to examine the truth of the matter, & to report the state of the case, & his opinion what is fit to be done in it." 4 *pages.*

[?1692.] 57. Petition of John Percivall, Esq., to the King, showing that there appeared to be due to him, as Governor of the fixed and moving hospitals in Ireland and the officers employed under him

[1692.] 1,050*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.*; that the Earl of Athlone, the then Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, gave a warrant on 1 Dec. 1691, for payment of the same, which the paymaster, from want of money, could not honour; praying for payment, or a grant of certain lands in the county of Meath, belonging to a forfeited estate. Without date. 1 *page.*

1692. 58. Memoranda as to an information in Easter Term, 3 Will. & Mar., against John Davies of Penn, in the county of Buckingham, clerk, for a grand misdemeanor, and as to the fine of 100 marks laid on him, for which he was to be imprisoned until it should be paid. 1 *page.*

[?1692.] 59. Petition of Francis Watts to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for employment as a landwaiter in the island of Jersey, or any of the Western ports.

Minuted:—"Referred to the Commiss. of Customs."

Also a certificate in his favour by the inhabitants of Jersey, signed and sealed by them. Dated 27 Sept. 1692. 2 *pages.*

[?1692.] 60. Petition of John Harrison, controller of customs in the port of Ipswich, to the Lords of the Treasury, for a warrant for payment of his salary, from Christmas 1688 to Michaelmas 1692. 1 *page.*

1692. 61. Mr. Aaron Smith's list of persons to be prosecuted in the summer assizes of 1692, with the charges against them. 2 *pages.*

1692. 62. Privy Seal Office:—Abstracts of warrants, grants, &c. connected with the Privy Seal Office, entitled on the dorse,—"Docquetts at the privy seale."

In the months of February, May, and December 1692. 13 *pages.*

[About 1692.] 63. Petition of Samuel Trott, the collector of Bermuda, to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining of obstruction on the part of the Governor, by which the Com^rs^ of Customs were defrauded, and the merchants brought into trouble in Bermuda, as appears by the annexed letter of Col. Edwin Stede, Com^r^ of Customs at Barbadoes; which inconveniences arose from the naval office being distinct from the collector. Praying them to procure him a patent for the naval officer's place. Without date, but the letter referred to, dated 11 July 1692.

Minuted:—"Referred to the Commiss. of the Customes." 3 *pages.*

[?About 1692.] 64. A paper entitled thus:—"Accompt of y^e^ extraordinary charges I have been att since come [*sic*] to France; occasioned by arresting our ships, &c. contrarie to y^e^ capitulation of Limmerick."

One of the entries is:—

"To my extraordinary expences in travelling after y^e^ Court of France, to gett of y^e^ arrest since y^e^ 20 of Apr. 1692." 1 *page.*

[?About 1692.] 65. Petition of Col. Edw. Leigh to the King, for release from payment of a legacy to the Lord Griffin of 500*l.*, left to him by petitioner's sister, which Lord Griffin was outlawed for treason, and

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for whom the petitioner was bound for 700*l.* Without date. There was a proclamation to apprehend the Lord Griffin in the year 1692.

Minuted:—"Granted." 1 *page.*

[?1692.] 66. A schedule of names of persons with sums against them, entitled:—

"Pentions of grace, paid by dormant warrants, before the general stop made the 19th of May, 1692."

They are bracketted in three sets, having the following memoranda against them:—

"(1st.) The stop hath since been taken off from these by particular letters, or other directions.

"(2nd.) The stop not being directed to the Exchequer, nor to the severall Bishops or collrs of tenths, the tallies of assignment (by which these are payable) have been constantly levyed at the Exchequer and paid by the said receivers.

"(3.) The stop continues on these." 1 *page.*

[?About 1692 or 1693.] 67. Petition of Letitia Russell, late wife and executrix of Thomas Cheeke, Esq., who was divers years Lieutenant of the Tower of London, addressed to the King, praying for the grant of a reserved rent of 1,500*l. per ann.*, for 99 years, at a yearly rent, out of property in Ireland formerly granted to the Countess of Dorchester for life, in consideration of a debt of about 10,000*l.* due to her husband. Without date, but the Countess of Dorchester died 1692.

Minuted:—"Mrs Russell to have 600*l.* a year for 31 years, when it can take place." 1 *page.*

1692–1694. 68. Petition of Mr. Daniel Butts, who was appointed by the Right Hon. the Earl of "Arthlone" General of the King's forces in Ireland, when the Irish troops were transported into France, to be commissary of the transport; showing that he went into France and settled the account of provisions with the French Comrs, and received the balance; that to facilitate the surrender of Limerick it was allowed to Lord Lucan, *alias* Sarsfield, by the Earl of "Arthlone," to send from France, on board the transport ships, (freight free) certain brandy and other goods; and the petitioner considering the ships to be free, having French passes, took the Lord Lucan and his friends' bills, on persons to whom the goods were consigned; but that several of the ships were seized and rifled by His Majesty's ships of war, and the goods embezzled, to the value of 30,000 livres, part of which were destroyed by one Capt. Peddar, commander of the "Swift," who took the "Mary of Dublin," out of the port of Waterford, and embezzled goods to the value of about 15,000 livres, so that the persons to whom the goods were consigned think themselves not obliged to pay the bills. It relates also to other parcels of goods taken, and the petitioner prays to be considered for the same, and for his salary as commissary to the Danish troops, and that the 30,000 livres be charged to the account of such commanders as wrongfully took away the

1692. goods, so that the same may be allowed him on his account, &c.

Also four other papers relating thereto.

These are dated in 1692 and 1694. 9 *pages and* 3 *half pages.*

[? About 1692 or later.] 69. A schedule entitled "an abstract," being a brief description of books and papers relating to accounts of the paymaster. Undated [but reference to particular payments before 1692]. 2 *pages (quarto).*

[Perhaps about 1692 or later.] 70. Memorial of Peter Gery, on behalf of the officers of their Majesty's regiment of foot in the West Indies, lately commanded by Col. Godfrey Lloyd; showing that as the muster rolls had been taken by the French the accounts could not be made up; praying that the Earl of Ranelagh might have directions for the accounts to be made up, according to the establishment, and that the cost of the recruits, which was very great (having sent over 400 men every year), might be charged on the regiment's account, or some other expedient be found.

Without date, but the Earl of Ranelagh is styled the Right Honourable. He was made a Privy Councillor in 1692. 1 *page.*

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1692–3. Jan. 2. 1. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a proposal in the names of Viscount Lansboro' and Onesiphorus Albin, for the farming of the aliens duties upon all goods imported, stating that ever since King Charles the Second resumed his customs into his own hands, under the management of Com^rs^, the constant received opinion had been not to let any part of that revenue into petty farms, but to comprehend them in the general management, as they fell into the King's hands; laying before their Lordships a copy of a report made by that Board in the year 1679; stating further that these farmers might (according to this proposition) exact the alien duty under pretence of some old laws, on foreign ships made free, and foreigners "indenizened;" also there was in the proposal a pretence to a grant of the fines and forfeitures of all uncustomed and prohibited goods whatsoever, by them discovered, which was directly contrary to law, &c.; advising for the better collecting the alien duty, that a law should be procured to enable the officers of customs to interrogate, upon oath, the persons who make entries at the custom house, whether the goods were the goods of an alien or not. Dated 2 Jan. 1692.

Minuted:—"L. Lansborough to have a copy of this report."

Also the report referred to. 3½ *pages.*

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Jan. 3. 2. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a representation received by them from the Com^rs of the Victualling, concerning the supply of the squadron of their Majesties' ships, with two months' victuals. Dated 3 Jan. 1692–3.

Also the representation referred to. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 4. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Rowe, Gent., one of the patent waiters of the port of Bristol, stating that some time after the discovery of the great fraud upon the ship "Bristol Merchant," another fraud had been discovered, viz., that the petitioner had passed a parcel of cocoa under the denomination of indigo, for which he received a bribe of 10*l.* acquainting their Lordships that they had different opinions amongst themselves; some of their number looking upon the merit of a former discovery as an oblivion of his fault; others were of opinion that as he was to be made use of as a principal witness in the causes then depending against the merchants, upon the former discovery, it was not proper to blemish him with other crimes, and however it was, he was continued in his office, &c, Dated 4 Jan, 1692.

Minuted:—"To be restored to his place, and to be changed in some time."

The petition and another paper. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 5. 4. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Hercules Russell, praying payment of 70*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*, being the arrears of pay due to him as adjutant and cornet in one of the troops of Col. Wolesley's regiment of horse, which were broke in A.D. 1691. Dated 5 Jan. 1692.

Also the petition and another petition from him, together with a paper entitled the "Case," and a certificate. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 5. 5. Order in Council referring to the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury the petition of Thomas Roots, "chirurgeon" to Major-General Trelawny's regiment, in which petition he sought payment of 23*l.* for medicines, together with the pay due to him. Dated 5 Jan. 1692–3.

"17 Aug^t '93. R. to M^r Fox." 1½ *pages* (*much decayed*).

Jan. 6. 6. Presentment of Robert Henley, one of the Com^rs for Transportation, to the Lords of the Treasury, asking whether their Lordships will have him buy 1,500 bushels of wheat, which are offered him at Cork, at 6*s.* 9*d.* a bushel, or whether he shall complete the order for 1,000 barrels from England, 800 bushels of which he had shipped for Cork before he left Bristol. Dated 6 Jan. 1692. 1 *page.*

Jan. 7. 7. Letter signed by "Halifax, Feversham," and others, stating that the Queen Dowager had long since exhibited a bill in the Exchequer against several of the tenants of the manor of Richmond *alias* West Shene, to make out the right of the Queen Dowager to that

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Jan. 10. 8. Report of the Committee appointed to examine the petition of their Majesties' Roman Catholic subjects not indicted or outlawed, addressed to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lords of the Council for Ireland, viz., on the petition of Nicholas Gaynor, Esq., signifying that the petitioner had during the rebellion never acted in any military or civil capacity, and demeaned himself with great moderation and kindness to his Protestant neighbours, but his estate was seized. Recommending him to His Majesty's favour, and for the remission of his quit-rent from Mich. 1688 to Easter 1692. Dated 10 Jan. 1692.

Minuted:—"To stay till y^e^ Generall State comes over 11 Apr. '93."

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Agreed to and orderd to be recommended into England." 2 *pages and* 2 *half pages.*

[Jan. 10.] 9. Petition to the King of "La Dame de Heucourt," widow of the Seignieur D'Oberkan, brigadier of the King's armies in Piedmont, for payment of 438*l.* standing due for her husband's services and for a pension. Her husband died 12 July 1692 [French]. Letter of the said widow to Lord Godolphin [French] and two letters of the Earl of Nottingham thereon, one of which transmits the letter of the widow to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 10 Jan. 1692–3.

Minuted:—"Referr to E. Ranelagh." 3 *parts of pages.*

Jan. 13. 10. Letter of Viscount Sydney, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, returning the petition of James Clarke, merchant, with the report made thereon, by the Solicitor-General, showing that he was one of the new aldermen of Dublin, under the late Government, in the year 1687; that he served as captain in the militia troop of horse in that city, until the rout of the Boyne, for which treason he was indicted, and was continued on bail, having behaved himself civilly to his neighbours; leaving it for consideration whether he should be pardoned and his estate restored, as it was a matter of some consequence, as a precedent for a multitude of similar cases. Dated 13 Jan. 1692–3.

Also several certificates, &c., in relation to the same matter. 12 *pages and parts of pages* (*decayed*).

Jan. 17. 11. An estimate of the expense of erecting a court in Westminster Hall, 17 Jan. 1692, for the trial of a Peer during the sessions of Parliament, after the manner of the Lord Stafford's trial. Signed by Sir Christopher Wren and two others. 1 *page.*

Jan. 21. 12. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ambrose Upton, merchant, as to the pay-

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ment of aliens duty, the ship "Little William" having unavoidably been worked by a portion of the crew who were foreigners; advising the discharge of the ship. Dated 21 Jan. 1692.

Minuted:—11 Apr. '93. "Agreed to."

The petition and two other papers relating thereto. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Jan. 27. 13. Letter from the Council Board of Dublin to the Lords of the Treasury, inclosing the petition of Nicholas Gaynor, Esq., praying to be exempt from payment of his quit-rents on account of his sufferings and losses. Earnestly recommending him to their Lordships. Dated 27 Jan. 1692. 1 *page* (*the petition not now with it*).

Jan. 28. 14. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on an estimate required of what had "been produced for a year or two" by the duties on certain commodities, then proposed to be added to by Parliament. Dated 28 Jan. 1692. 1 *page.*

Feb. 3. 15. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of 40,660*l.* 1*s.* 1¾*d.*, in arrear on 1 Jan. 1692–3. Dated 3 Feb. 1692–3. 1 *page.*

Feb. 3. 16. Memorial on behalf of the sick and wounded seamen and prisoners of war, signed "Richard Povey, receiver," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury; praying for the payment of 2,400*l.* for the present, &c. Dated 3 Feb. 1692. 1 *page.*

Feb. 3. 17. Report of Wm. Lowndes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nicholas Bedgood, as to debts owing by Thomas Price, late of London, goldsmith; he having received 10,602*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.*, of the moneys of King James the Second, and then absconded, being indebted in all about 12,000*l.*, his estates being liable; advising that it was in His Majesty's power to grant the debts to the petitioner, if he thought fit. Dated 3 Feb. 1692.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Written on the back of the petition. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 4. 18. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a paper touching the duties on muscovado or brown sugars, and other sugars. Dated 4 Feb. 1692.

A copy of the paper referred to. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 5. 19. An abstract of the English brigade of horse in Flanders, the 5th of February 1692–3; showing the names of the regiments, and what had become of them.

On the dorse:– "For y^e King." 1 *page.*

Feb. 6. 20. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the importation of pitch, tar, rozin, deals, oars, &c. from New England, custom free, advising that at least the old subsidy be retained. Dated 6 Feb. 1692–3.

Minuted:—"To send for & speake with M^r Taylour Thursday morning." 1 *page.*

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Feb. 10. 21. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a letter from Matthew Webb, a landwaiter at Bristol, concerning some unwarrantable practices in that port, for which they report that they had suspended him. Dated 10 Feb. 1692–3. 1 *page.*

Feb. 10. 22. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the value of a parcel of silks and muslins, lately seized by Mr. Isaacson, made on the petition of James Lord "Mordington," who prayed for the King's part in kind, to preserve himself, his lady and children, from starving. Dated 10 Feb. 1692.

Minuted:—"My Lord Mordington to have the King's part, when it is brought into the Exchequer."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 10. 23. Letter of Viscount Sydney to [Lord Nottingham], in which he said he found, by the Solicitor-General's report, on the petition of Mr. Gay, which he transmitted, that the office of warehouse keeper or storekeeper was directed by Act of Parliament for Ireland, of 14 & 15 Car. II., &c.; recommending the grant of the office of storekeeper in the outports of Ireland to the petitioner for three lives. Dated 10 Feb. 1692–3.

Minuted:—"17 Aug. '93. To be referr'd to ye Com^rs of ye Revenue."

The report of the Solicitor-General and an officer of customs in Ireland, the petition of the said Mr. Gay, and the copy of the proposed grant. 6 *pages and* 2 *halves* (*much decayed*).

Feb. 10. 24. Letter of Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners, to the Lords of the Treasury, urging on them the necessity of a present supply, and a fund to carry on the service. Dated 10 Feb. 1692–3.

Also, a letter which is a duplicate except the date, which is 14 Feb. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 11. 25. Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that there was then a great want of seamen for the fleet; desiring their Lordships will give orders to the Com^rs of Customs to employ as few seamen and watermen as possible, and that they send a list of such men as they have given protection to, and in future send a similar list monthly. Dated 11 Feb. 1692–3. 1 *page.*

Feb. 11. 26. Petition of Thomas Johnson, referring to the following report, complaining that almost a month after he had obtained their Lordships' reference, one Thomas West presented a petition, on which a report was made by the surveyor, setting the fine at 10*l.* less than to the petitioner; expressing his willingness to give 5*l.* above 110*l.* named in the report. Undated, but subsequent to the following report.

Report of William Tailer, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the said Thomas Johnson, who sought for a

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grant of a small parcel of meadow ground, called Ward Mead, at Eaton, belonging to the honor of Windsor, stating his opinion that a new lease for 31 years was worth a fine of 110*l.*, being something more than ten years' purchase; reserving the old rent of 66*s. per ann.* Dated 11 Feb. 1692.

Also the petition referred to $2\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*

Feb. 13. 27. Letter of Viscount Sydney to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending Thomas Carter, Esq., the second serjeant-at-arms, for increase of salary; he having but 50*l. per ann.*, and having applied to have it raised to 100*l.* Dated 13 Feb. 1692.

Minuted:—"17 Aug. '93. My L^ds^ can make no addition to the establishment. till represented by y^e^ L^ds^ Justices." 1 *page.*

Feb. 14. 28. A letter or notice, signed Edw. Noell, to Mr. Fairfield, instructing him not to charge "John Shorter Schoolman," in his division. [Perhaps for payment of a tax or subsidy.] Dated 14 Feb. 1692. $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*

Feb. 20. 29. Letter of Viscount Sydney to the Lords of the Treasury, returning the petition of John Blackwell, Esq., and the report of the Solicitor-General, made upon his reference to him, stating that the petitioner was entitled as an adventurer to a share of the lands set out by Acts of Parliament, and vested in the Crown for that purpose; and that he was still deficient of his proportion about 241*l.* a year, the Lord Dungan and other former proprietors having been restored by the then Commissioners to several lands claimed by the Lord Kingston, in the right of the petitioner, &c.; recommending that the deficiency should be supplied out of such lands as he should discover to be vested in His Majesty by those Acts. Dated 20 Feb. 1692–3.

The report, with the note referring the matter to the Attorney-General. $5\frac{1}{2}$ *pages (much decayed).*

Feb. 20 and 21. 30. A certificate signed Ri. Hutchinson, in relation to 7,940*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* which the Court of Exchequer had decreed should be paid at the receipt of Exchequer. The money arose from the tenths of all prize goods taken from the Great Mogul or his subjects, brought home in the "Charles the Second" and "New London." Dated 20 Feb. 1692.

Also a computation of the interest of the said 7,940*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.*, due from the East India Company, signed Jo. Knight. Dated 21 Feb. 1692–3. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 21. 31. Representation of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded and exchange of prisoners at war, to the Lords of the Treasury, about 6,800*l.* resting unpaid, by the Com^rs^ of the Navy and Victualling. Dated 21 Feb. 1692–3. 1 *page.*

Feb. 22. 32. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the naturalization of the ship "New Dilligence." Dated 22 Feb. 1692–3.

Four other papers relating thereto. 5 *pages and a little piece.*

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Feb. 25. 33. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lady Rachel Russell, praying that the dissolved abbey of Strata Marcella, in the county of Montgomery, with all the lands, &c. belonging to the same, lately held by the Marquis of Powis, attainted of high treason, might be granted to her; reporting that the same lands were mortgaged to John Noel, Esq., but that their Majesties were entitled to the equity of redemption, and might grant the same. Dated 25 Feb. 1692.
Also the petition. 2 *leaves.*

Feb. 26. 34. Report of [Lord Ranelagh] to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Richard Cunningham, and the rest of the officers of his late regiment, now commanded by Col. Buchan, in which they offered to discount the 17,000*l.* due to them for 13 months' pay, at 5,000*l.*, stating that the regiment is in the same circumstances as the Earl of Argyle's was, the arrears of which were compounded for 4,000*l.* Dated 26 Feb. 1692.
Written on the back of the petition. There is also a copy of this report and petition, and a copy of the order for referring the petition to Lord Raglan.
Minuted:—"This report being layd before ye Lords, since ye King's going away, they think they cannot come to a determinacon, w^th^out ye K's direction," &c. 2 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Feb. 27. 35. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Walter Devereux, of the regiment late Col. Toby Purcell's; in favour of paying him 108*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, due for his service in Ireland. Dated 27 Feb. 1692–3.
Minuted:—"To be considered when ye regim^t^ is cleerd." 1 *page.*

[?About Feb.] 36. Statement of the sums granted by the Crown for the subsistence of the French Protestant refugees, since the month of Nov. 1689, and received by the French committee, which administered the Royal charities up to the last of February 1692–3. (*French.*)
Also another paper relating thereto. 4 *pages.*

[About Feb.] 37. Petition of Anthony la Montagne to the King, showing that he was a Venetian by birth, and of the Romish religion; that he was summoned before St. Martin's vestry. to give bail to appear at Westminster, to take the oaths, ; but, going out of town, he forgot the day, and process was issued against him for 40*l.*; praying to be discharged, having taken the oath of allegiance.
With a note that His Majesty was disposed to gratify the petitioner; and referred it to the Lords of the Treasury. 16 Feb. 1692–3.
Minuted:—"17 Aug^t^. '93. R. M^r^ Aa. Smith." 1 *page.*

March 1. 38. Report of Wm. Loundes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Grosvenor, respecting a piece of ground con-

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taining 4½ acres, which belonged to Mary, the daughter and heir of Alexander Davies, Esq., deceased, who was then the petitioner's wife, which land was taken into St. James's Park, about A.D. 1668, viz., as to the value of the land, which lay at the north-west corner of the park. Also, respecting 2½ acres of meadow at Chelsea, taken to the use of the Crown from the petitioner. Dated 1 March 1692.

Accompanied by the petition, and a schedule of the sums the petitioner sought to obtain.

Minuted:—"8 March 1693–4. For all his interest & demand in the 2 parcells to have 800*l.* (besides 200 li paid already) upon executing such conveyance as Mr Attor[ney] shall advise at ye charge of ye petr." 5 *pages.*

March 3. 39. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ann King, who had, in ignorance, imported certain canary wine and muslin from Holland, which were prohibited; in favour of remission of their Majesties' portion of the bounty. Dated 3 March 1692–3.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

March 4. 40. Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual to Sir Robert Cotton, Knt., and Thomas Frankland, Esq., Postmasters-General, stating that the revenue in the Post Office by the free carriage of a great number of letters and packets had suffered, and commanding them not to permit any person to send or receive free any letters or packets which ought by the Acts to be paid for, except the two Principal Secretaries of State in England, the Secretary of Scotland, Mons. Zulichen, Secretary in Holland, and the Earl of Portland, for such letters and packets only as they sent or received upon account of the King's service; and the above-named persons should not, at any time, permit any private letters to be sent under cover to them, but what they should immediately send to the General Post Office to be taxed and delivered, and that they should not cover any man's letters but their own. Dated 4 March 1692–3. 1 *page.*

March 6. 41. Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual to the Postmaster-General referring to the warrant of 4 March, and stating that members of both Houses of Parliament, during the sessions, and for 40 days before and after, had their single inland letters passed free, by order of King Charles II. and King James II., notwithstanding the former warrant. Allowing the continuance of the privilege, and instructing the Postmasters, that, to prevent abuses formerly practised by divers persons, (who, though they were not members, endorsed the names of members of Parliament on their letters,) the King expected each member of both Houses should write his name, and give the impression of his seal, such as he would put upon his letters, in a book to be provided for that purpose. Dated 6 March 1692. 1 *page.*

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March 8. 42. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Starke, merchant, respecting a ship laden with tobacco coming from Virginia to England, driven on a shoal on the coast of Ireland; in favour of his landing the cargo there, in custody of the revenue officers, under certain conditions. Dated 8 March 1692–3.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The petition referred to. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

March 10. 43. A similar report on the petition of Josiah Bacon and others, relative to another ship laden with tobacco also driven ashore there. Dated 10 March 1692–3.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

March 11. 44. Report of the victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on a petition of several merchants of London, who supplied ships for transportation of soldiers to the West Indies, and upon an Order of Council, viz., as to the allowance to be made to them for the detention of their ships beyond the terms of their agreement. It was intended they should sail at the end of September, and they did not start till 7 January; and some of them sustained great loss, by reason of bad weather, while they rode in Stokes Bay. Declining to lay down a general rule, for various reasons, but recommending demurrage to be allowed. Dated 11 March 1692–3.

Minuted:—"16 June 1693. To be read another tyme.
"18 Aug. '93. To speak w^th y^e Comm^rs of ye Victualling."

The petition and Order in Council. 3 *pages.*

March 11. 45. Extract of a letter from Lisbon, in relation to the supply of lead to the French, brought there by English ships, viz., as to the means of preventing the same. The writer had proposed to the King of Portugal to prohibit the transportation of any lead, and would press it further if their Lordships thought proper; suggesting that security should be taken from the masters of ships to land their lead in the Custom-house, for the use of the kingdom only. Dated March $\frac{21}{11}$, 1692–3. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

March 13. 46. Petition of the Earl of Warrington to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a withdrawal of the suspension of payment of his pension, and that Mr. Tayler, the auditor for the duchy of Cornwall, might speedily pay the same. Dated 13 March 1692–3. $\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*

March 13. 47. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the reasons for the dismission of John Peter, late collector at Looe. Dated 13 March 1692–3.

Also two other documents relating thereto. 3 *pages.*

March 13. 48. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Bristow and Timothy Poston, of London,

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merchants, who had shipped and sold certain pepper, reserving half the customs, which are drawn back upon exportation by debenture, which debenture was forfeited by the return of the goods, the ship having sprung a leak; praying a *nolle prosequi*. Dated 13 March 1692–3.

Minuted:—"11 Apr. '93. Granted."

Also the petition referred to. 2 *pages*.

March 14. 49. Representation of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners at war to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to their memorial of 3 Feb. last, and showing that the arrears amounted to 42,660*l*. 1*s*. 1¾*d*.; giving a description of the deplorable state the people were in, who had supplied the sick and wounded, and stating that the fleet was ready for sea, but that the inhabitants of Portsmouth and places adjacent, to whom there was due about 12,000*l*., had sworn to each other that until their demands were satisfied no seaman should have the least relief. Praying the prevention of what was threatened, and the retrieval of their credit. Dated 14 March 1692–3. 1 *page*.

March 14. 50. "A true copy of the entries in the books in the Secretary's office, under the Chief Com^rs^ and Governors of their Majesties' revenue of Ireland, and examined 14 March 1692–3."

The various documents copied relate to the affairs of John Vernon, of Dublin, merchant, and Hugh Courtny, his surety, who prayed to be discharged of a debt of 447*l*.

Minuted:—"April 19^th^, 1693. S^r^ Robert Rich represented to my Lords that none was to bee found but old Mr. Vernon, who was 73 yeares old, & not worth anything, but must rot in a jayle, & did pray a suspention of taking out execution on the judgement, not a discharge; for hee will pay the mony, if ever hee prove able.

Prosecution to be stopt till further order." 4 *pages*.

March 15. 51. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs, laying before the Lords of the Treasury the case of Mr. Walter Middleton, collector of customs at Milford, concerning the loss of 250*l*., part of a bill of 450*l*. occasioned by the failure of a drover, by whom he sent up the money; advising that the Controller-General of Customs might be authorized to discharge the petitioner. Dated 15 March 1692–3.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also the case. 2 *pages*.

March 16. 52. Report of William Tailer, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Benjamin Gyles and others, praying a lease for 31 years of all such copper and other mines, except tin, as they should discover to belong to their Majesties, within the lands belonging to the duchy of Cornwall. He was unaware that any such mines had been found, but was of opinion if they should be found they belonged to their Majesties, and might be granted by lease for 31 years, with certain reservations, and a 10th part

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(not a 20th as proposed), to be paid to their Majesties. Dated 16 March '92.

Minuted:—"11 Apr. '93. Respited till y^e^ rep^t^ comes back on y^e^ pet^n^ Govn^r^ & Compa copper miners."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

March 20. 53. Copy of report of Philip Ryley [Surveyor-General of Woods], to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. May, master keeper of Hasteborough Walk, in the forest of Whittlewood, as to the repairs necessary for the lodge, &c. Dated 20 March, '92.

Minuted:—"Granted." 1 *page.*

March 22. 54. Representation by the Com^rs^ of the arrears of the late revenue of hearth money to the Lords of the Treasury, to the effect that there was paid out of the hearth money, in the counties of Northumberland, Durham, Westmorland, and Cumberland, by Samuel Turner, then Receiver-General of that revenue, to Israel Fielding, 300*l.*; praying that he might be directed to account for the same. Dated 22 March 1692.

Minuted:—"To speak with Mr. Fielding in this." 1 *page.*

March 23. 55. A paper *docquetted*, "Coppie of the Act of the Lords of Thesaurie, discharging the black box, 1693."

The warrant or "Coppie of the King's letter to the Lords of Thesaurie, 1693, in Edenbrough," stating that he had resolved there should be no black box made use of for transporting letters and packets from our secretaries to Scotland, and from thence hither; but that each secretary should have his own packet, for which the "due" should be marked down at the Post Office here and in Scotland; and that the profits of the postage between Berwick and Edinburgh should be applied for the payment of the same, and of the flying packets. Commanding that the profits of the postage should be so employed. Unaddressed, but most likely to the Postmaster-General. Dated 23 March 1692–3.

Minuted:—"A warrant to bee prepared." 1½ *pages.*

March 24. 56. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Giles Merick, merchant, of Bristol, in favour of a "*nolle prosequi*" being entered, on a prosecution against him for importing certain tobacco in a Dutch-built ship. Dated 24 March 1692–3.

Minuted:—"Speak w^th^ Com^rs^ of the Customes, & see y^e^ minute in y^e^ book on 27 Mar. '93."

Also the petition and three other documents. 3½ *pages, and a piece of parchment.*

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March 28. 57. "An extract of the Ordnance memorial to the R^t^ Hono^ble^ the Lords Com^rs^ of their Ma^ties^ Treasury, the 3^d^ March 1692–3," being of the nature of an estimate laid before the Lords of the Treasury for their consideration. Dated 28 March 1693.

Minuted:—"To be lay'd before y^e^ K. to-morrow." 2 *pages.*

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March 29. 58. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Mollineux, William Woollett, and William Turner, in favour of paying their claim for 788*l.* 13*s.* due to them from the regiment of horse commanded by the Lord Berkeley, and for the off-reckonings. Dated 29 March 1693.

Also the petition and two memoranda. 4 *parts of pages.*

March 31. 59. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Griffith Bowen, late collector of customs in the port of Padstow, dismissed from his employment for acting contrary to his duty, having distributed some French wine amongst some Parliament men and 'gentry, for which they report that they could do no other than dismiss him. Dated 31 March 1693.

Minuted:—"Agreed to the report."

Also two petitions of Capt. Bowen. 3 *pages.*

April 1. 60. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, that they had written to the officer of their Majesties' revenue of 4½ *per cent.*, in Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, to pay to the Commander-in-Chief of these islands, for the Duke of Bolton's regiment of foot, laying before their Lordships the acquittances for the payments and for payments to Col. Kendall, Governor of Barbadoes, and praying their Lordships' directions for applying the same to the credit of the officers' account in Barbadoes. Dated 1 April 1693.

Minuted:—"18 Aug. '93. To speak w^th^ y^e^ Com^rs^ of y^e^ Customes about revenue of 4 & ½ *p. cent.* in Barbadoes being paid to Coll. Kendall, &c^a^."

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also a duplicate, the signatures, and indorsement differing. 1 *page.*

April 3. 61. Report of Mr. Benjamin Overton to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the Bailiff of Westminster had lately possessed himself of several goods belonging to a clipper, and challenged 40*l.* worth of clippings, besides money, &c., (the Bailiff alleging that he would try his title thereto,) as would appear by the account annexed; further annexing the copy of a circular letter, written by the Lord Treasurer to the justices of the peace in the several counties: submitting that the letter might be signed by their Lordships. Dated 3 April 1693.

Enclosing (1st), Letter of Mr. Geo. Macy, giving an account of the apprehension of one Hugh Middleton at Palace Yard, Westminster, and the claim set up by Mr. Knipe, Bailiff of Westminster, by virtue of his grant from the Dean and Chapter, to his goods. Adding further, "I directed him and his officers in the further search, and told them the use of several things which lay in the room, as clipping thumbs, fingers, and gloves, fobs of leather, bulses, bags, &c., on which filings were to be seen, as also other things which they knew not what to make of." And

(2.) The copy of the circular letter. 3 *pages.*

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April 3. 62. Report of Lord Ranelagh on the proposal of Francis Mollineux and Benjamin Tomlinson, woollen drapers, concerning the clothing of the regiment of horse commanded by Col. Lumly, viz., as to the off-reckonings. Dated 3 April 1693. 1 *page.*

April 4. 63. Report of Viscount Sydney to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the allowance to Mr. Philip Savage of 40*s.* for each person outlawed or attainted for high treason, which allowance he (Viscount Sydney) had thought proper to stop, there being above 4,000 persons outlawed; recommending that he have a recompence out of some part of the forfeited estates. Dated 4 April 1693.

Minuted:—"The Queen's pleasure to be knowne how much shee will allow p head for the number outlawed; and the lands not to be disposed till Her Maᵗᵉˢ pleasure is declared."

The petition of Mr. Savage, and two other papers. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 6. 64. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christophilus Jenny, clerk, one of the persons returned in the list of the Londonderry officers who had lately received his proportion of the Royal bounty, but who claimed to be paid in a double capacity, as captain and chaplain; adverse to his being so paid, except their Lordships think his merits and sufferings entitle him. Dated 6 April 1693.

Also the petition. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

April 10. 65. Letter of the Comʳˢ for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had attended daily with the enclosed representation, but had not been called in. Enclosing an extract from a letter they had received from Gosport, setting forth the difficulties experienced by their agent in subsisting the seamen, as the tradesmen could no longer give trust, &c. Dated 10 April 1693.

Also the extract. 2 *pages.*

April 10. 66. "Office of Ordnance. The method by which we have computed our demand of ready money for the Descent Trayne now fitting out." [An estimate.] Dated 10 April 1693.

[The descent was upon France.] 1½ *pages.*

April 10. 67. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, on the question how far farthings, consisting of a mixture of copper and tin, might be made with profit to the Crown, without being liable to be counterfeited; stating that farthings and halfpence might be made, after the pattern sent, at 20 *per cent.* profit to the Crown, at least; but unless all profit were waived by the Crown, the same would be counterfeited still, there being no way to prevent the counterfeiting but by making farthings of so near the intrinsic value that no artists might be tempted to do it; if made at all, they should be either purely of copper, or purely of tin refined. Dated 10 April 1693. 1½ *pages.*

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[About April 10.] 68. Petition of Captain Holcroft Blood to the Lords of the Treasury, for arrears of his pay as an engineer in Ireland during the war, "being obliged to go in this expedition to the West Indies." With an account annexed, dated Aug. 12, 1692, on which is a certificate by the Com^rs of Ordnance of its truth [pursuant to the minute on the dorse, dated 10 April 1693].

Minuted:—"10th Apr. '93. To be referrd to y^e officers of y^e Ordnance, who are to state w^t is due to y^e pet^r." *2 pages.*

[? About April 10.] 69. Petition of Captain Francis Hamon, Lieut.-Governor of Languard Fort, praying for payment of salary for above five years, and for a settlement for the future, as he was assured by Col. Eyton, who was the Governor, that he should be allowed 10*s.* a day, it having been proposed that a Lieut.-Governor should reside there, to prevent abuses.

Minuted:—"10 Apr. '93. To be respited till the King's returne." 1 *page.*

[? About April 11.] 70. Memorial of the Duke of Norfolk to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that 6,750*l.* was due to him for his pension of 3,000*l.* *per ann.*, and that it was proposed to lend their Majesties 13,000*l.* on credit of the 4*s.* in the pound, provided their Lordships would pay the debt by tally upon some branch of the revenue.

Minuted:—"11 Apr. '93. To have 3,000^li at 100^li p week, & to lend 6,000^li upon y^e excise."

Another memorial to the King, much the same in effect, but the memorialist only offers a loan of 10,000*l.*

The last is minuted:—"To speak w^th y^e D. of Norfolk's agent." 1 *and* ¾ *page* (*quarto*).

April 12. 71. Report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles Trevanion, Esq., and on the report made by Mr. Willm. Taylor thereupon, in the former the petitioner desired three things to be leased to him:—1st. A tenement in Resuggo, in the manor of Treverbin, formerly leased with a fulling mill to William Cock:—2nd. Another tenement in the same place formerly granted by copy of Court Roll to the petitioner and his brother Hugh Trevanion, for their lives, after the death of Joan Eland lately deceased; and 3rd. Certain buildings being encroachments on the wastes of their Majesties manors of Treverbin, Courtney, Austell Prior and Tuington, in the duchy and county of Cornwall. Advising their Lordships on the 1st, that the validity of Cock's lease should be determined; on the 2nd that they had no objection; and on the 3rd, that a commission should issue, to inquire into the truth, in regard to the premises, without which it would not be proper to grant those encroachments. &c. Dated 12 April 1693.

Minuted:—"Agreed to y^e Rep^t, but the commission to be executed at y^e pet^rs charge, & y^e incroachments menc̃ond in y^e s^d pet^n to be noted in y^e inquisition."

The petition and report referred to and a schedule of the encroachments. 7½ *pages.*

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April 12. 72. A short note of Lord Nottingham to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing an extract from a letter from Mr. Methwen, their Majesties envoy extraordinary in Portugal, that they might report to the Queen what they thought fit to be done. Dated 12 April 1693.

Minuted :—"My L^ds^ will report that ye method proposed by M^r^ Methwen is not practicable."

The letter is not now with it. ½ *page* (*quarto*).

April 12. 73. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Phillipps late collector of excise for the county of Middlesex, showing that he was robbed on the highway, between Enfield and London, of 198*l.* 2*s.* 7¾*d.* of excise money; that the same was vigorously defended, and one of the robbers shot, who was afterwards taken and died of his wound, by which means the hundred was discharged [of its liability], &c. Recommending that the petitioner be discharged on his account of that sum. Dated 12 April 1693.

Minuted :—"Granted. But ye particular reasons to be sett forth."

Also the petition and an affidavit relating thereto. 3 *pages.*

April 12. 74. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the abolition of the office of receiver of customs outward, in the port of London, on the death of Mr. Simon Morse, the late receiver advising the application of the salary of the office to more useful purposes. Dated 12 April 1693.

Minuted :—"Agreed." 1½ *pages.*

April 15. 75. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Carpenter, for leave to surrender his grant of one of the patent waiters in the port of London to Tutchen Martin; in favour of his so doing, "the rather because it is a considerable advantage to the Crown to take in a grant for life, and only give out a grant for pleasure." Dated 15 April 1693.

Minuted :—"To execute it in person."

Also the petition referred to. 2 *pages.*

April 20. 76. Report of the Navy Board on the case contained in the petition of John Perry, Esq., and other merchants, owners of the ship "Richard and Sarah," finding that the ship was taken up as a guard ship, and 24 seamen employed on board her, by order of the Council of the island of Jamaica, for the safety of that island; after the destruction of the fortifications of Port Royal, and in the absence of the "Guernsey" frigate, when sent after the French at their landing on the north side of the island, viz., as to the amount for the hire of the ship. Dated 20 April '93.

Minuted :—"16 Aug. '93, to be p^d^ in y^e^ island of Jamaica, 18 Sept. '93." 1½ *pages.*

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[? About 20 April 1693.] 77. Memorial of the Right Hon. the Lord Cutts to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the advance of certain moneys to his regiment.

Minuted :—" 20 Apr. '93."

" When the other regiments under these circumstances are considered." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

April 21. 78. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending various regulations as to ships to be engaged in the transport service. Dated 21 April 1693.

Minuted :—" 4 May '93 for the Counsell." 2 *pages.*

April 26. 79. Report of the Com^rs^ for Transports to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Hull of Plymouth, merchant, as to the balance of his claim for hire of his ship, from 16 April 1690 to 11 March 1691–2, at 13*s.* per ton per month, viz., 1,658*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, and recommending the allowance of 400*l.* for the loss of the ship, which was cast away on the said 11th of March. Dated 26 April 1693.

Minuted :—" 23 May '93. If there be a remainder of ye tallys lately putt into y^e^ hands of y^e^ Comm^rs^ for last year's transport service, the Lords order the 400*l.* to be paid out of those tallys. Done."

The petition referred to, and Mr. Hull's objections to the Com^rs^ report ; being 300*l.* to his prejudice. 4½ *pages.*

April 26. 80. Report of the Com^rs^ for Transports to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Stapleton, master of the ship " Conquest," showing that his ship carried part of the Irish army for France, landed them at Morlaix, on 26 Nov. 1691, and returned to Kinsale, and was then impressed to carry the Danish forces to Ostend, where they were landed, 15 March 1691–2 ; confirming his claim for freight at 12*s.* a ton per month, from 16 Oct. 1691 to 15 March, amounting to 389*l.* 12*s.* Dated 26 April 1693.

The petition referred to, and a memorandum of the owner relating thereto. 2 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

April 28. 81. Memorial of officers of the Ordnance Department, setting forth the importunate demands of the artificers, who had supplied stores on the credit of the 210,000*l.* given for the land service ; the lamentable state the gunsmiths were in, the debt to them being 30,000*l.* and asking for 15,000*l.* for their present supply ; the wants of the artificers, &c., employed on the descent train ; the want of 5,000*l.* for the Flanders' train, on the opening of the campaign ; and that 1,500*l.* was due for arrears of contracts, for artillery horses and waggons, and the remainder of four months' advance on the year's contract, to enable the train to take the field. Forbearing to mention other particulars contained in Mr. Bertie's weekly list, all absolutely necessary, but further stating that the office is so far in debt that it is impossible to proceed without assistance, and that the tallies they had received, amounting to 59,282*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* for sea service, were so remote as to be of no service, their quarterly payments being two

1693. years in arrear, and their prices being more to their Majesties' advantage, by at least two or three shillings in the pound, than they were in the late King James' time, when the Crown pay was much better than it was then; they were informed by their artificers that no one would take the tallies, and the disgust of those they dealt with at such unreasonable payments was so great that they feared the total destruction of the credit of the office. Dated 28 April 1693. 1½ *pages.*

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May 3. 1. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial annexed, of Doctor Alix, praying liberty to import (custom free) paper, for printing a new edition of "Ecclesiastical Councils," referring it to their Lordships' consideration. The amount for which remission was prayed was 592*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* upon 6,000 reams of demy paper. Dated 3 May 1693.

Minuted:—"The petitioner to have 200^li^."

Also the memorial referred to, in which he says the same favour was granted for "the Polyglott Bible, the volumes of the Critik commentators, Mr. Pool's Synopsis, and other such burdensome public works." 3 *pages and* 2 *lines.*

May 4. 2. Petition of William Howell, messenger in ordinary to King Charles the Second, addressed to the King, for the grant of one moiety of the estate of 80*l. per ann.* belonging to Robert and Richard Petre, both Romish priests at Stanvod [Stanford] Rivers, Essex, he having been at great expense in outlawing them, and obtaining a decree.

Minuted:—(1st) "Rec^d^ 4 May 1693. Read y^e^ same day in Councill & referred to the Lords of the Treasury," and (2nd) "27 June '99. The estates were not vested in K. Charles y^e^ 2^d^, by vertue of any information from y^e^ pet^r^, but by y^e^ attainder of y^e^ Petres." Also two enclosures, one of which is the copy of the decree. 4½ *pages.*

[?About May 4.] 3. An address to [Her] Majesty of [Her] dutiful and loyal subjects, "Ar. Shallett, John Travers, and Antho. Wilkes," upon the accompanying report, signifying that the report afforded no satisfaction to her almost undone subjects, except interest for part of their money; but they would do what they could to content the numerous families concerned throughout the nation, in hopes (if nothing towards the principal could be presently paid,) an order might be made for a present payment of national interest, from the [time of the] discharge of the respective ships, &c. Without date, but about the time of the report.

Report of the Lords of the Treasury, to the [Queen], on an Order in Council, requiring them to consider the petition of the

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distressed widows, masters, owners, and others concerned in the transport ships employed in the reduction of Ireland; certifying that the debt owing to the petitioners amounted to about 320,000*l.*, which had not been provided for by Parliament. They had presented a scheme to the King, before his going to Holland, out of which the expense of the war was to be supported. The estimates were short of what the service would require, and the funds provided by Parliament would also fall short of the estimates. Expressing the opinion that interest for some part of the debt would be a relief, but [Her] Majesty must charge her own revenue therewith, which was already very far anticipated. Dated 4 May 1693.

Minuted:—"6 months' interest to bee paid to these."

The Order in Council and the petition referred to. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[About May 4.] 4. Petition of Martha Peirce, whose husband, John Peirce, being eldest serjeant to Capt. John Hawkins' company, lost his life in their Majesties' service in Ireland, addressed to Sir Stephen Fox, praying him to order her husband's arrears to be paid to her, as she and her three children were reduced to a deplorable condition.

Minuted:—"4 May '93. Referred to Mr. Fox." 1 *page.*

[About May 4.] 5. Petition of the officers of the marine regiments, praying payment of their arrears, now of above three years' standing; stating that they had subsisted their men at the expense of all their fortunes during the necessity of the Treasury.

Minuted:—"4 May '93. The agents to send the state of their arrears." 1 *page.*

May 6. 6. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Noades, late surgeon of the first regiment of Guards, praying for 59*l.* due for medicaments for that regiment, for half a year, ended the last of June 1690, at the rate of 12*d.* per man; not objecting to the allowance. Dated 6 May 1693.

Minuted:—"8 May '93. A letter to my Lord Ranelagh, to put it on his memoriall." 1 *page.*

May 6. 7. Letter of Secretary Trenchard, about Mr. Mackay's having the usual allowance belonging to a riding surveyor. Dated 6 May 1693. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 8. 8. Memorial of Tracy Paunceforte to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to their Lordships' commands about the providing for physicians, surgeons, apothecaries, and all things relating to the serving their Majesties' hospitals, for this campaign in Flanders, offering his reasons for declining to comply with their Lordships' commands, in relation to the "Phisick part," but offering to provide nourishment for the sick.

On the back, 8 May 1693. 1 *page.*

May 8. 9. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captain Francis Hammon, praying for an allowance, as Deputy Governor of Languard Fort, for the time past, and a

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Also the petition.

Minuted:—"31 May '93. To make it up 8 shillings a day, from the 1st of January 1692." 2 *pages* (*quarto.*)

May 11. 10. Order in Council, referring to the Lords of the Treasury, for their report, the petition of Lancelot Simpson, Gent., which set forth that in 1687 he had a lease for 31 years granted to him by the Queen Dowager, and her trustees, of several parcels of land, concealed from the Crown, in the honour of Penreth and forest of Inglewood, in the county of Cumberland, at 5*l. per ann.* when he should recover and be in possession of them, and prayed that he might have a concurrent lease thereof for 99 years. Dated 11 May 1693.

Minuted:—"The petitioner to show his title already had [*sic*] & what probability hee hath of recovering what he desires."

Accompanied by the petition. 1½ *pages.*

May 11. 11. Order in Council, referring the annexed petition of several officers and attendants of their Majesties' sea train (who had received no pay for their last service, and expected to be shipped for the next sea expedition,) to the Lords of the Treasury, to examine the same and report to the Queen what they judge fit to be done. Dated 11 May 1693.

Minuted:—"To speake with the officers of the Ordnance." 2 *parts of pages.*

May 12. 12. Report signed S. Travers, Surveyor-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on "the petition of Thomas Neale, Esq., to be admitted to purchase the term in being, made up 99 years, or the fee of the late Duke of Monmouth's house in Sohoe, at the rate it is really worth." Minutely describing the descent of the property from 1672; and advising what reservations should be made, if the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Dated 12 May 1693.

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

May 13. 13. Report of the agents for bringing in taxes, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Mathews, Gent., Receiver-General of the second twelve months' aid and quarterly poll, for the county and city of Hereford; in favour of allowing him 213*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* for his extraordinary charges. Dated 13 May 1693.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

May 15. 14. Report of Wm. Lowndes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Henry Herbert; praying that Mr. Bevis Lloyd, receiver of South Wales, might be suspended from the execution of his office until he paid or secured the sums of 2,181*l.* 4*s.* 6½*d.* and 824*l.* 4*s.*; certifying as to the state of the accounts and advising

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that if, upon the precedents referred to, their Lordships should suspend Mr. Lloyd, a fit person should be appointed to receive the revenue; and adding that Mr. Herbert desired that the person appointed might be accountable to him. Dated 15 May 1693.

Minuted:—"A copy of this report to Mr. Lloyd, and look out Mr. Chetwinde's report, concerning what is due to the Duke of Beaufort."

Also the memorial. 3 *pages.*

May 15. 15. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of Geo. Dunt, merchant, concerning a parcel of latin wire, landed by mistake; advantage being taken thereof to seize the same, stating that they had awarded that the officers should make restitution of their part and moving their Lordships to remit the King's part. Dated 15 May 1693.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also two affidavits. 5 *pages.*

May 15. 16. Letter of William Blathwayt, Esq., to Mr. Guy, stating that Lord Galway had presented to the King the enclosed memorial (of Col. Henry Conyngham, praying for permission to ship, custom free, 250 horses from England, for the new raised regiment of dragoons under his command in Ireland), and His Majesty ordered that the necessary directions should be given. Dated "Camp at Dighem, $\frac{15}{25}$ May 1693."

Accompanied by the memorial. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

May 16. 17. Report of John Knight, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the petition of Samuel Pett, Esq., who held by a lease from the late Archbishop of Canterbury, dated 1687, several parcels of marsh land in the island of Thanet, at a quit rent of 75*l. per ann.*, discharging all taxes, &c.; advising that abatements should be made for scots and taxes, as the lands in those parts had fallen from 20*s.* an acre to 16*s.* Dated 16 May 1693.

Minuted:—"The Lords will not discharge this arrear."

Accompanied by the petition. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

May 16. 18. Report of the agents for bringing in taxes made to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Child, Gent., Receiver-General of the second 12 months' aid and quarterly poll in the county of Wilts; praying that 376*l.* 13*s.* $7\frac{1}{2}$*d.*, overpaid on that aid, might be transferred to his account of the quarterly poll; expressing their opinion that it might be so done. Dated 16 May 1693.

Also the petition and the Auditor's certificate. $2\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.* (*In perishing condition.*)

May 16. 19. The Attorney-General's opinion concerning the grant of the office of Chamberlain in the Exchequer to Mr. Cole. Dated 16 May 1693. 1 *page.* (*A large portion decayed away.*)

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May 16. 20. Representation of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the debt for that service was then 45,460*l.* 1*s.* 1¾*d.*; urgently seeking for a speedy supply, without which numbers must undoubtedly perish, if set on shore in the approaching action, especially on the western coast, viz., Portsmouth, Dartmouth, Plymouth, &c., from which they had weekly deplorable accounts; 15,000*l.* being at least due to those ports. Dated 16 May 1693. 1 *page.*

May 17. 21. Report of the agents for bringing in taxes, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edward Mitchell, Gent., Receiver-General of the second 12 months' aid, for the county and city of Gloucester, in favour of allowing him 210*l.* for his extraordinary charges; he having paid into the Exchequer 43,780*l.*, which he brought up in four journeys, with 20 men well mounted and armed for his guard, by reason the highways were so infested with robbers. Dated 17 May 1693.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition and his account of disbursements. 3 *pages.*

May 17. 22. Petition endorsed "The Gunmakers' Petition, 17 May '93;" viz., of the gunmakers of the city of London, who had been employed in working for the Office of Ordnance; complaining that they were to have received ready money for their work, but were then offered tallies, on which they could not raise money, and that they were ready to perish; praying for speedy relief. Numerously signed. 1 *large page.*

May 17. 23. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Martin Elkin and James Cropp, merchants, touching a seizure of pearl ashes; advising a "*noli prosequi*," as was desired. Dated 17 May 1693.

Minuted:—"10 July '93. Agreed to."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

[About May 17.] 24. Memorial of Brigadier Levison to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the regiment was ordered to march from its quarters in Dorsetshire and Somersetshire to the borders of Scotland; praying for three months' pay, for the officers to provide equipage, there being great arrears due to them.

Minuted:—"17 May '93. Their accounts to bee perfected." ½ *page.*

May 18. 25. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords [of the Treasury], finding the allegations in the annexed petition of Aderana Webb to be true, viz., that King Charles II. purchased an equitable interest which one Jolley (an old servant to King Charles I.) had in a long strip of ground on the east side of St. James's Park wall, which included the house in which the petitioner's husband then inhabited, and extended southward to that wherein William Storey lived, and paid 260*l.* for the same interest. The piece of ground was granted to the trustees of Sir Henry Fane, for 50 years, in

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A.D. 1690, by the Duke of Albemarle, at 6*s.* 8*d.* rent, excepting the house; advising that buildings should not be allowed to be erected to the injury of the petitioner and her neighbours. Dated 18 May 1693. 3 *pages.*

March 21 and May 18. 26. Two certificates of Francisco Antonio (?) Havarro of the sums due to the Foreign Letter Office, for letters from Spain, Holland, and Flanders, from the late Spanish Ambassador, Don Pedro Ronquillo, before his death. The first relates to what was due up to 25 May 1691, and the second from 25 March 1691 to the last of May 1692. Dated 21 March 1692–3, and 18 May 1693.
Minuted:—"Referred to the Governours of the Post Office."
2 *half pages.*

May 24. 27. Report of J. Richards to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition "of their Majesties' vocal musick," stating that the vocal and instrumental music were joined in the late reigns of King Charles and King James, with an allowance of 40*l.* *per ann.* each, and they were sworn in indifferently and directed to be paid to Lady Day 1690, since which the instrumental only had been paid. Dated 24 May 1693.
Minuted:—"To bee respited till the establishment is altered."
Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 24. 28. Copy of the foregoing report, wrongly dated 23 May 1693. 1 *page.*

May 24. 29. Representation of the Com^rs^ of Excise and arrears of hearth money to the Lords of the Treasury, as to credit having been given to Mr. William Probert, Receiver-General of hearth money in North Wales and part of South Wales, for 188*l.* 13*s.* more than was paid in by him; that sum having been advanced by Mr. Nathaniel Horneby. Dated 24 May 1693.
Minuted:—"A warrant to be prepared according to the report."
Accompanied by the balance sheet of the Receiver-General and three receipts. 3 *pages* 3 *halves.*

May 24. 30. Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the principal officers of the Navy had informed them that they had not heard that any tallies had been turned into money, for the payment of half a year's wages to the workmen of the yards; earnestly desiring that their Lordships would take care that the money might be forthwith provided, or the works would be at a stand. Dated 24 May 1693. 1 *page.*

May 24. 31. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring they would order a supply of money to the Com^rs^ of the sick and wounded on account of the great arrears due for quarters, as the nurses at Portsmouth, Gosport, &c. refused to receive any more sick and wounded men until their arrears were paid, &c. Dated 24 May 1693. 1 *page.*

1693, May 24. 32. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Perry, Mr. Richards, and others, Virginia tobacco merchants, for allowance of discount on their bonds. Dated 24 May 1693.

Minuted:—" 30 May '93. It cannot be done."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

May 24. 33. Letter from the Com^rs of sick and wounded seamen to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that their agents tell them plainly that from all, and especially the western ports, viz., Portsmouth, Gosport, Dartmouth, &c., they can no longer procure quarters, and the seamen are daily sent on shore in great numbers; sending copy of the memorial of 16th inst., since which about 600 more had been sent on shore. Dated 24 May 1693.

The copy of the memorial referred to. 2 *pages.*

May 25. 34. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Barker and others, employed by Captain Shales when Commissary-General, in the years 1687 and 1688, finding that there was due to them 1,390*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, which ought long since to have been paid. Dated 25 May 1693.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 25. 35. Report of Lord Ranelagh on the following report and on other papers relating thereto. Dated 25 May 1693.

Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. John Hales, late colonel of the regiment of foot now commanded by Col. Robert Goodwin, and gone for the West Indies, praying payment of 1,650*l.* due for clothing and other accoutrements, for some of which he was arrested, and was in danger of being sued for the whole; giving the result of the reporter's examination into the clothing accounts, and recommending that he be discharged. Dated 20 April 1693.

Minuted:—" 31 May '93. To speake with Coll. Hales & the agent of the regiment together."

Also a letter of Col. Hales. 4 *pages.*

[About May 26.] 36. Petition of William Ashwin to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that divers persons had been condemned and executed in the time of King Charles II. for treason committed in the late Popish plot, and the profits of their possessions were not accounted for to the Exchequer; praying for an order that he might receive the moiety of what he recovered.

Minuted:—" 26 May '93. My Lords will give him a third, hee being at all charges of prosecution." 1 *page* (*decayed*).

May 28. 37. Report of Sir Robert Cotton, Knt., and Thomas Frankland, Esq., Postmasters General, on the petition of Mr. James Vickars, which stated that the "Grace," dogger, a packet boat belonging to the petitioner, was seized by two privateers in the bay of Dublin, who took everything out of her, but allowed the peti-

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tioner to redeem her for 50 guineas; recommending the allowance to him of 150*l.* for his loss. Dated 28 May 1693.

Minuted:—" Granted."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 30. 38. Report of the agents for bringing in taxes, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Richards, Gent., Receiver General of the second 12 months aid, for the county of Hertford, in favour of allowing him 60*l.* for his extraordinary charges, he having paid into the Exchequer 32,299*l.* 10*s.*, which he brought up at four journeys, with 20 men well mounted and armed for his guard, by reason the highways were so infested with robbers. Dated 30 May 1693.

Minuted:—" Agreed to."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 31. 39. Representation by the Com^rs^ of the sick and wounded seamen to the Lords of the Treasury, stating their design to remit the 2,000*l.* ordered by their Lordships to Portsmouth and Gosport, towards payment of one half year's arrears, due 25 March 1692; but the poor people could not entertain the sick and wounded for the future, as those who did so after the engagement in Midsummer quarter, 1692, were not in course to receive any part of this money, &c. Dated 31 May 1693. 1 *page.*

May 31. 40. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the examination of cockets and other despatches from the several ports of England, produced in Holland, for tobacco and other plantation commodities, enumerated in the Acts of Trade and Navigation, to which duty Mr. Abraham Kick, a merchant in Rotterdam, had been appointed. Dated 31 May 1693. 1 *page.*

[May.] 41. Petition of Robert Rodway, Thomas Hawgood, Robert Lord, and other tradesmen, concerned in clothing their Majesties' first regiment of Foot Guards, for the years 1691 and 1692; praying that " the new clothiers may not postpone the old by commencing their pay before the first of this instant May 1693."

Minuted:—" 7 June '93. Referred to my L. Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

June 2. 42. Letter of Viscount Sydney to the Earl of Nottingham as to the payment of the judges who held their courts in Michaelmas Term, 1690, in Ireland. Dated 2 June 1693.

Minuted:—" 4 Oct. '93. A letter to y^e^ Lds. Justices y^t^ it be don accordingly, unless they have any objection to y^e^ contrary."

With a note that Her Majesty referred it to the Treasury. 1 *page.*

June 2. 43. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Francis Boggest, one of the patent waiters in the port of London; praying to resign his office, having to attend the Right Hon. the Lord Capell in Ireland, who was appointed one of the Lords Justices, and that the office might be granted to Nicholas Raynton. In favour of the transfer. Dated 2 June 1693.

Minuted:—" Agreed." 2 *pages.*

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1693. [About June 3.] 44. Petition of Anthony Dun and Anthony St. Leger to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that for several years they had made it their whole business to bring to justice the clippers and counterfeiters of the coin, and at their own costs had brought to trial above four-score persons, and above 40 were convicted and punished, and they had seized clippings, false money, tools, and other goods, to the value of about 1,000*l.*; praying an order for their expenses, and a reward for their pains.

A recommendation of their case by the Mayor and Recorder [of London] and one other, stating that the petitioners had been eminently serviceable to the Government. Dated 31 May 1693.

Also at the foot an affidavit of the truth contained in the recommendation. Dated 3 June 1693. 2 *pages.*

June 5. 45. Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing extracts from two letters, one from the Com^rs^ of the Navy and the other from Sir Edward Gregory, Com^r^ at Chatham, by which it appears that if money were not immediately supplied for paying the yards, the works would be at a stand. Dated 5 June 1693. 3 *pages.*

[About June 7.] 46. Petition of Gideon Godet, a French Protestant refugee, addressed to the Queen, stating that after having served three different envoys extraordinary of the Crown in the Court of France, in the quality of French secretary, he was obliged to flee to England to endeavour to obtain some recompence for his services. The death of King Charles II. prevented his obtaining it; the disposition in the last reign was not favourable to him, and in the present various circumstances had interrupted the settlement. The Duke of Schomberg had recommended him to the King for his services rendered to ministers of the Crown, in the Court of France, at the risk of his life, to discover the practices and intrigues of emissaries of the Court of France; praying for a pension and a present aid. [*French.*]

On the dorse, in addition to an epitome of the above, it states as follows:—"He enumerates several spys & pensioners he hath detected, as Christien, a spy who receiv'd 100 crowns per month from Mons^r^ Louvois [French Secretary of State], & was seis'd here upon y^e^ pet^rs^ informaçon & his papers decipher'd by y^e^ pet^r^. The Chevalier de Beaujen Mazot, an English gentleman (whose name must be conceald), who receiv'd a pençon from France by y^e^ hand of Du Livier, a French banquier in London; his letters were intercepted by y^e^ pet^r^. This service M^r^ Vernon can testifie.

"Likewise y^e^ Jesuit Abercrombe, going from France into Scotland, upon y^e^ pet^rs^ notice to my L^d^ Nott[ingham], and his Lo̅ps advice to Secretary Johnson, y^e^ Jesuites letters were intercepted, and his whole design discovered and frustrated. For w^ch^ services he hath yet receiv'd nothing from y^e^ Governm^t^, tho' very expensive to y^e^ pet^r^."

Her Majesty referred the petition to the Lords of the Treasury to report on it, 7 June 1693.

Minuted:—"To bee considered when the King comes, & in the meane [time] the Queene to bee moved to give him 20*l.*" 3 *pages.*

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June 7. 47. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Johnson, one of the apothecary's mates belonging to the Royal Hospital of Dublin, in favour of his claim for 61*l.* 5*s.*, due to him since 19 Nov. 1691. Dated 7 June 1693.

Minuted:—" 10 June '93. To be considered when y^e^ arrears of Irel^d^ are paid."

On the back of the petition.

Also a statement of the account. 3 *pages.*

June 8. 48. Report of Philip Ryley, Surveyor-General of Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Rider, lieutenant of the forest of Whittlewood, and master keeper of Wakefield Walk there, as to the extent of certain ground desired to be enclosed with pales, and the expense of the same. Dated 8 June 1693.

Minuted:—" 27 July '94. Agreed to the report."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 9. 49. Letter from Mr. Benjn. Overton to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the proceedings of the Sheriffs of London, in relation to "clippers," and the damage which happened by their seizing, violently, all things brought into Court for evidence, as well as the goods, moneys, &c. of such offenders. If their Lordships had the clippings and forfeited goods to dispose of, according to the Privy Seal, 50 would be convicted in place of one. The insolence of the Sheriffs ought to receive some discountenance. Recommending that the clippings, &c. should be deposited in indifferent hands, and that the Bailiff of Westminster should be summoned to account for what clippings, &c. he had received belonging to Middleton, lately executed for treason, &c. Dated 9 June 1693.

Also another letter from him to their Lordships, desiring that Mr. Aaron Smith should be summoned to give an account of his proceedings with the Sheriffs on this subject. Undated. 2 *pages.*

June 9. 50. Letter of the Lords of the Council in Ireland to the Earl of Nottingham on an application made to them by Capt. Hobson, their Majesties' Chief Surveyor in the port of Dublin, setting forth his services and sufferings in the late troubles, for part of which he had received a recompence, with an assurance of further consideration; recommending him strongly to his Lordship's favour that he would move Her Majesty in his behalf. Dated 9 June 1693.

With a note referring it to the Lords of the Treasury.

Also copies of two petitions, and divers other papers relating to the case.

[Capt. Hobson, in the late revolution, by means of a small vessel of his own, supplied Londonderry with powder and other stores, and was afterwards employed by the Lords of the Committee for the Affairs of Ireland, in a message to Major-General Kirke, in the river of Londonderry. He was taken by the French, and committed close prisoner to Dublin for above 11 weeks.]

It appears by a letter, dated 24 Jan. 1695–6, accompanying the above, that this business was not then settled. 11 *pages* (*very decayed*).

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June 9. 51. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the Com^rs of the Navy cannot dispose of the tallies furnished by their Lordships for the payment of the yards; desiring their Lordships to think of some method for the speedy payment of the men. Dated 9 June 1693. 1 *page.*

June 12. 52. Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, touching the want of money for imprests and answering bills of exchange; also the want of half a year's pay for the men of the yards. Dated 12 June 1693.
Also the copy of the letter from the Navy Board thereon; an extract from a letter of Sir Edwd. Gregory, and a copy of a letter from the master shipwright at Woolwich. 3½ *pages.*

June 13. 53. "An estimate of the ordnance, carriages, armes, powder, shott, and other stores and habiliaments of warr to be sent to the island of Jersey for their Ma^ties service there, by order of Councill, dated the 25^th of May 1693." Dated 13 June 1693. 2 *pages.*

June 13. 54. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending as in former reports, the establishment of some small frigates on the coast of Kent and Sussex, to prevent a dangerous correspondence being carried on between the French and the disaffected in this kingdom, and for the seizure of French goods imported and English wool exported, &c. Dated 13 June 1693.
[The enclosures have been separated.] 1½ *pages.*

[About June 16.] 55. Particulars of victualling for men and horse transported to Holland and Flanders.
Endorsed:—"Accompt of provisions, No. 1. Rec^d the 16^th June 1693, from the Commissioners of the transport shipps, being 5 papers, numbered from 1 to 5."
[The other four not now with this paper.] 1 *page.*

June 20. 56. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Henry Killigrew, and on a memorial of Mr. Peter Stepkins and Mr. Buckley Wilsford, concerning the estate of one Edmund Robinson, of Bankend, in the county of York, clerk, attainted and executed for treason; viz., as to the rights of the parties in the estate. Dated 20 June 1693.
Minuted:—"Mr Killigrew to have what was promised to him."
Also the petitions and other papers relating thereto. 9 *pages and parts of pages.*

June 21. 57. Letter from the Lords of the Council in Ireland to Lord Nottingham, transmitting the petition of Dionisia Hull, widow, which sets forth that several of her houses in Cork were made use of for their Majesties' service, and prays payment for the same; desiring their Lordships to lay the accompanying report of the

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Com^rs of the Revenue, to whom the matter had been referred, before Her Majesty. Dated 21 June 1693.

Referred by the Queen to the Lords of the Treasury, 12 Aug. 1693.

Minuted:—"Agreed to ye Com^rs report."

The petition, the Commissioners' report, and some other papers. 8 *pages or parts of pages (much injured).*

June 21. 58. Letter of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had paid the half year's charge up to 25 March 1692, at Portsmouth and Gosport; but not being able to pay to the ensuing Midsummer, in which the late sea engagement took place, the poor people were almost distracted. Southampton, Fareham, and the Isle of Wight, (whose debts were contracted in the Midsummer season,) had not received a farthing, and Dartmouth, Totness, and other western ports resolved not to quarter a man for the future, &c. Expressing their inability to provide for the seamen, who would be set on shore after the "present expedition." Dated 21 June 1693.

"To be considered on next Wednesday." 1 *page.*

[About June 21.] 59. Memorial of the Earl of Oxford to the Queen, showing that the royal regiment of horse under his command was ready to be clothed but had no trumpets, coats, and banners ordered; praying that the King's troop might be furnished out of the Wardrobe as was customary, and that 1,000*l.* might be paid towards the furniture of the other troops.

Minuted:—"21 June '93. The Lords will speak with the officers of ye Wardrobe, for so much as concerns that office, and with the agent as to ye rest." 1 *page.*

[? About June 21 [16]93.] 60. Petition of the Right Hon. John Lord Roche, Viscount Fermoy, of the kingdom of Ireland, addressed to the Queen; showing that he had received a pension of 250*l. per ann.*, by a grant from King Charles II., until the late war in Ireland began; that his father and brother, both Lords des Roche, and the petitioner, had been sufferers for King Charles I., even to the unheard of cruelty of the petitioner's mother being hanged at her own door by the regicides; that the petitioner's brother followed King Charles II. in all his exile, and after the Restoration rendered service to the Crown, by assembling 80 officers to suppress the fifth-monarchy men; and kept guard until they were totally subdued. Praying the Queen to direct the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to re-establish his pension, or that he might receive the royal bounty

Minuted:—"21 June '93. There is no confirmaçon as yet of ye old list of pencions." 1 *page.*

[? About June 21.] 61. Petition of Ann, widow of Capt. James Archer deceased, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that two officers of the customs at Bristol were fined at the King's Bench bar, in

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200*l.* each and one in 100*l.*, and had been imprisoned ever since; that the petitioner's husband served the Crown as engineer for 26 years, and she lost her three sons in the service of the Crown; in consideration of which the King granted her the fines set on the above persons. Praying for a remission of the remainder of the fines, "that at length she may have some benefit therefrom, which can be but small, in regard of their great poverty."

Minuted:—"21 June '93. The Lords resolve never to advise the remitting of this fine." 1 *page.*

June 23. 62. Letter signed J. Sotherne, on behalf of the Lords of the Admiralty, to Henry Guy, Esq., Secretary to the Treasury, inclosing the names of the Commissioners appointed to discharge the duties of Lord High Admiral, in order that they might be laid before the Lords of the Treasury, and a privy seal passed for paying their salaries. Dated 23 June 1693.

Also copy of the warrant. 1 *page and* 2 *half pages.*

June 27. 63. Petition of Margaret, widow of John Clark, Esq., deceased, addressed to the Queen, for payment of the arrears due to her husband, who was lieutenant to Major Ramsey's company in 1688-9, and further, for 50*l.* disbursed by him.

Minuted:—"17 Aug. '93. To be considered when the regiment is cleared."

With a memorandum that it was referred to the Lords of the Treasury. Undated, but referred 27 June 1693. 1 *page.*

June 27. 64. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a petition of John Tyndale, searcher in the port of Bristol, recommending that he be assisted, at the King's charge, to carry on such actions at law, or suits in equity, as are now depending, or which hereafter the Commissioners should approve, for the recovery of his legal fees, he being in controversy with the merchants of that port about them. Dated 27 June 1693.

The petition referred to. Also,

Copy of "an order of the Commons in Parliament assembled, establishing & confirming fees & allowances to the officers of His Ma^ties^ customes and subsidies."

"Order of the Howse of Commons, touching fees of the Custome Howse officers. 17 May 1692.

"The methods of passing & paying debenters, according to law and practice in the port of London, and how that method is 'preverted' in the port of Bristol of late."

Minuted:—"14 July '93. To be heard this day sennight, in the afternoon by councell, and the Com^rs^ of Customs to attend, and in the mean time the execution of the late order is to be suspended." 6 *pages.*

June 27. 65. Report of Sir Richard Levinge, Solicitor-General for Ireland, to Henry Viscount Sydney, Lord Lieutenant there, on the petition of Edw. Earl of Meath, as to the value of the lordship of Lea, being

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part of Sir Patrick Trant's estate, forfeited. Recommending a grant of the lordship (which appeared to be worth 180*l. per ann.*), as a mark of the Royal favour to the Earl for his services and sufferings. Dated 27 June 1693.

Also the petition referred to.

[There should be other papers with this.] 4½ *pages.*

June 28. 66. Representation of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the want of money to pay the quarters for the sick and wounded and the dearness of provisions had destroyed the poor people's credit, and they were then unanimously resolved not to trust any longer, so that the wounded seamen set on shore for the future "would be exposed to perish without, or to be starved within doors;" praying for a speedy and proportionable supply. Dated 28 June 1693. 1 *page.*

June 28. 67. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Benjamin Tomlinson, woollen draper, praying payment of 720*l.* due to him, for clothing of the first troop of Grenadier Guards. Dated 28 June 1693.

Minuted:—"Agreed to by my Lords if they will advance, as others have done in the like cases." 1 *page.*

June 30. 68. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, touching provision of money for imprests, and answering bills of exchange. Dated 30 June 1693. 1 *page.*

June 30. 69. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to 160*l. per ann,* paid to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth, which they find "is not applied to the fishery or distributed to any persons concerned therein, but put into the chamber and made use of to maintain the grandeur of the town," for which reasons they recommend the payment to be discontinued. Dated 30 June 1693.

Minuted:—"Agreed to this report."

Also an answer to the same. 2 *pages.*

Feb. to June. 70. Memoranda of sums issued to the Commissioners of sick and wounded, by the hands of the Treasurer of the Navy. ½ *page.*

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July 1. 1. Letter of Viscount Sydney [to the Earl of Nottingham], on the petition of George Treswell Fashaw, Elizabeth Plowden, and Ursula Grimston, spinster, referred to him by Lord Nottingham; which he had further referred to Sir Richard Levinge, Knight, Solicitor-General for Ireland, whose report he transmitted in favour of the petitioners. Dated Dublin Castle, 1 July 1693.

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The report of the Solicitor-General, which sets out that Katherine Treswell, relict of Sir Daniel Treswell, Knight, bequeathed 500*l.* to [George Treswell Fashaw] when he became of age, and 15*l.* a year, till he could be put to a trade or profession, and a legacy of 6*l. per ann.* to Elizabeth Plowden, and 10*l. per ann.* to Ursula Grimston, with other legacies; further that the estate of the said Katherine consisted of houses in the town of Galway and one house in Dublin, of the value of 200*l. per ann.*, and was managed by Francis Plowden, Esq., brother and heir of Richard Plowden, Esq., to whom she devised the inheritance of the estate, after payment of the legacies, which Francis Plowden was outlawed for treason, and so the executors could not enter upon the estate. Recommending that the petitioners or the executors be allowed to enter upon the estate and carry out the will.

Minuted:—"17 Aug. '93. A report to be drawn y^t^ my Lds have nothing to object to y^e^ Soll^r^ Gen^ll^ his report."

The petition referred to and three other papers. 7½ *pages.*

July 1. 2. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Henry Fane, K.B., respecting a piece of ground without the east wall of St. James's Park, from the house in the possession of John Webb, to that wherein William Story inhabits, granted in trust to Richard Kent and Thomas Musgrave, &c. Dated 1 July 1693.

[See an earlier report on this, 18 May 1693.]

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

July 1. 3. Report of the [Com^rs^] of Ordnance on the petition of the gunners, "matrosses," &c. returned from Flanders since the last campaign, stating that the persons who served in the descent train under Sir Martin Beckman were paid and discharged on 1 Nov. last; that on the intimation of the King that it was his intention to establish the train again, they got together those who were employed on the former one, who had then been exercising for some months on Blackheath, at the pay of 12*d.* a day. Expressing their willingness to distribute any sum that might be assigned to the petitioners, who had hoped to receive subsistence or half pay during the winter. Dated 1 July 1693.

Also the petition and letter referring the same to the Com^rs^. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 3. 4. Report of Sir Richard Levinge, Solicitor-General for Ireland, to Henry, Lord Viscount Sydney, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on the petition of Hellen, Viscountess Kilmare, for reasonable maintenance for herself and children out of her own and husband's estates, he having forfeited the same by his delinquency; recommending the allowance during their Majesties' pleasure. Dated 3 July 1693.

Also the petition and a letter of Viscount Sydney; with a note referring the matter on 14 July to the Lords of the Treasury to consider of a fit allowance. 3 *pages.*

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July 3. 5. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Mary Bingham, widow of Charles Bingham, who was killed at the battle of Aghrim, in Ireland. He was major to Col. Erle's regiment, and some time a captain in the Earl of Roscommon's regiment of foot. In favour of her claim for 53*l.* 15*s.* Dated 3 July 1693.

Also the petition and an account.

Minuted:—"17 Aug^{t} '93. To be consider'd when y^{e} regim^{t} is cleerd." 3 *parts of pages.*

July 4. 6. Letter of Mr. Benj. Overton [?Warden of the Mint] to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had enclosed the affidavits relating to Dunn and St. Ledger, and submitted to their Lordships how fit they were to be employed in the prosecution of clippers.

A demand of 40*l.* had been made on the Exchequer, by the Sheriff of Yorkshire, for the capture of clippers and coiners. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had referred the matter to the writer, but he thought the custom was for the Exchequer to allow the sheriffs their disbursements. He would pay it if their Lordships desired out of the forfeitures of clippers and coiners; but hitherto the money had come in so slowly, that it was far from defraying the necessary expense of prosecutions. Dated 4 July '93. 1½ *pages* (*quarto*).

July 5. 7. Report of the Com^{rs} for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the debt due to the owners and masters of the ships employed in transporting the forces, from June 1689 to 1 Jan. 1691–2, that they might receive half a year's interest for the same. The debt amounted to 326,641*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* Dated 5 July '93. 1 *page.*

July 5. 8. Letter of Mr. Benjn. Overton to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that some time since he laid before them a copy of letter sent to the clerks of the peace, to return to the Warden of the Mint, copies of all informations and examinations taken, relating to clippers and coiners; asking their Lordships to send a similar letter to the Lord Mayor, Recorder and aldermen of London, and to the justices at Hicks' Hall. He had received in April 70*l.* for the charge of a journey into Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Cheshire, in apprehending clippers and coiners. Mr. Macy whom he sent down managed the business very effectually; 18 were taken and only one escaped; the account amounted to 63*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, besides 4*l.* 15*s.* Exchequer fees. Mr. Macy was to go the Oxford Circuit, to prosecute them and others in custody, if their Lordships would order him 60*l.* Further suggesting that their Lordships should summon Mr. Knipe, the baily of Westminster, to give an account of the clippings, &c. seized on "Humphrey"* Middleton, lately executed for clipping. Dated 5 July 1693.

Minuted:—"10 July '93. A letter to M^{r} Knipe, to deliver up y^{e}

* Called *Hugh Middleton* in another paper. *See* Vol XXI., No. 61.

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clippings to ye Warden of ye Mint, and ye circulatory letter agreed to." 1 *page.*

July 5. 9. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Long, master of the ship "Concord," praying protection for the ship and 16 seamen to navigate her to Newfoundland; approving of the voyage. Dated 5 July 1693.
Minuted:—"Granted according to the report." 1 *page.*

July 6. 10. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Col. Robert Byerley, late colonel of the regiment of horse, now commanded by Col. Hugh Windham, complaining of a stop put to the receiving his pay; stating that Col. Windham, before going into Flanders, desired no money might be paid to Col. Byerley, as he was greatly indebted to the regiment, and giving his opinion that Col. Windham should forthwith make up his account with Col. Byerley. Dated 6 July 1693.
Also the memorial. (*Signed.*) 2 *pages.*

July 7. 11. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing copy of a letter from the principal officers and Com^rs^ of the Navy, representing the want of money for the several services of the Navy; desiring their Lordships to provide for a speedy supply. Dated 7 July 1693. 3½ *pages.*

July 7. 12. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the appointment of a collector of customs at Ipswich and Harwich; viz., as to whether there should be a collector at each place, stating that it was unnecessary. Dated 7 July 1693. 1 *page.*

July 10. 13. Report of the Navy Board upon the Treasurer's proposal, to turn the receipts of the cashier of the victualling into imprests. Dated 10 July 1693. 9 *pages.*

July 11. 14. Representation of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the means employed and to be employed for recovery of arrears of the hearth duty; Mr. Richard Cox having made a proposal relative thereto. They found there were good debts to the value of 3,253*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*; sperate debts, 3,024*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*; and desperate debts, 9,175*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.*, as by a list annexed, besides other sums. Dated 11 July 1693.
Minuted:—"Agreed to this report."
Accompanied by the list. 3 *pages.*

July 13. 15. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Matthias Bisbie, finding that he was indebted 80*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*; that he had a wife and 11 children, and that his salary of 50*l.* as surveyor of cider, would "but just maintain him;" recommending him to their Lordships' favour, for the remission of the debt. Dated 13 July 1693.
Minuted:—"Agreed to this report."
Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

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July 13. 16. Letter signed John Shales, addressed to Mr. Lownds, as to the proportions of payments to be made in that year, out of the estimates for the Navy and victualling, to the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen. Dated 13 July 1693. 1 *page.*

July 14. 17. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mary Turpin, widow, who was involved in a debt of 31*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*; recommending her, as an object of compassion, for remission of the debt. Dated 14 July 1693.
Minuted:—"Agreed to this report."
The petition, a certificate, and memorandum. 4 *pages.*

July 14. 18. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Susan Pritchard, relict of Rice Pritchard, late collector of the hearth money in Wales, who was indebted 25*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* to their Majesties; recommending her as a fit object of charity. Dated 14 July 1693.
Minuted:—"Agreed to this report."
The petition, a certificate, and two memoranda. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 19. 19. Letter of the Com^rs^ for forfeited lands to the [Secretary of the Treasury], enclosing a particular of the lands "set by the Commissioners," in various places in Ireland, with their values, &c.; in reference to the letter received by them in favour of Mr. Savage. Dated 19 July 1693. 5½ *pages.*

July 21. 20. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Deering's widow, relating to the pay of the regiment lately commanded by the said Colonel, and now by Col. Venner, and also the state of the account; recommending the whole account to be referred to some agent, that justice might be done to the widow and Col. Venner. Dated 21 July 1693.
Also the petition and a balance sheet, showing what was due to each. 3½ *pages.*

July 24. 21. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury upon an Order of Council, on the petition of Sir James Houblon and other merchants of London, as to an embargo on certain ships bound to Spain; not objecting to the removal of the embargo. Dated 24 July 1693.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *sheet.*

July 26. 22. Report of Sir Robert Cotton, Knt., and Thomas Frankland, Esq., their Majesties' Postmasters General, upon the petition of Mr. James Vickers, manager of the packet-boats employed between England and Ireland, stating that Sir John Wildman, then Postmaster-General, in 1689 contracted with Mr. Vickers to maintain three packet boats for those mails at 450*l.* *per ann.* salary; but there was no mention of the augmentation of his salary when Dublin was reduced; a promise was however made that it should be increased 50*l.* *per ann.* On the 2nd part of the petition they

1693. were satisfied that the charges of the hire of two boats between Port Patrick in Scotland and Donnaghadie in Ireland, amounted to 47*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.* Sir John Wildman having been removed before Mr. Vickers could settle his accounts he had had no allowance, but it was reasonable he should be reimbursed. They left the matter of the 50*l.* to their Lordships, but thought the petitioner could not maintain the boats for less than 500*l.* a year. Dated 26 July 1693.

Minuted:—"18 Aug. '93. A warr^t to be prepar'd accordingly." 1¼ *pages.*

July 27. 23. Report of Edward Ward, Attorney-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of merchants and others trading in the importation of dornix and tapestries from Flanders, viz., as to whether the 10*l.* *per cent.* additional to be levied by 4 & 5 Will. III. on tapestry and dornix was to be computed on the value of the goods by the oath of the merchants, or according to the values contained in the book of rates; giving his opinion in favour of the latter, as a point of law, though the merchants affirmed it would amount to 45 *per cent.* and be a total prohibition. Dated 27 July 1693.

Minuted:—"With the Comiss. of Customs, to consider of some way to ease the importers." 2 *pages.*

July 27. 24. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the Order of Council, made on the petition of Amos Woodland, master of a small ship of Boston, which had lately brought a packet from New England for Her Majesty, and was stopped by an embargo from returning; in favour of permitting him to return. Dated 27 July 1693.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also a certificate of the Mayor of Bristol, relating thereto. 2 *pages.*

July 28. 25. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Robt. Davies, praying payment for money disbursed by him, for the regiment of horse, formerly the Lord Cavendish's, and then under the command of the Duke of Leinster, and for his pay as cornet in that regiment; expressing an opinion that he should be paid what was due. Dated 28 July 1693.

Minuted:—"As to his pay of cornet to be considered when y^e regim^t is cleerd & so for his disbursement^s; but for w^t mo. was lent to ye officers my L^ds will not intermeddle in it."

Also a further memorandum as to Col. Davies' claims, on which there is another minute of the 23rd of October 1693. 3 *pages.*

July 28. 26. Report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charlotte Sarsfield, an infant, daughter and sole surviving heir of William Sarsfield, late of Lucan, in the co. of Dublin, Esq., by Mary his wife, sister to the late Duke of Monmouth, presented by William Fanshaw, Esq., her father-in-law and guardian, respecting "the manor of Lucan and

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other forfeited lands" in Ireland, which had belonged to the said William Sarsfield, and which the petitioner sought to obtain; recommending that she should be gratified. Dated 28 July 1693.

The petition and other papers relating thereto. 13 *pages* 2 *halves, and a few lines.*

July 21 and 29. 27. Two reports of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Colby, son and administrator of Philip Colby, clothier, deceased, concerning money due for the clothing of divers regiments. Dated 21 and 29 July 1693. 3 *pages.*

July 31. 28. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thos. Pennington, gent., praying leave to surrender a King's waitership of the port of London, and that the same might be granted to Mr. Edw. Buck; in favour of the transfer. Dated 31 July 1693.

Also the petition. 2 *parts of pages.*

Aug. 1. 29. Report of the agents for bringing in taxes, to the Lords of the Treasury; moving their Lordships that process of *scire facias* might be ordered against Mr. Molyneux, Receiver General of Lancashire, and his sureties, for the second 12 months' aid, and 4*s. per lib.*, and submitting it to their Lordships, whether he should not be suspended until he had given their Lordships satisfaction concerning the arrears. Dated 1 Aug. 1693. 1 *page.*

Aug. 2. 30. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on an extract from a letter from Col. Fletcher, Governor-in-Chief of New York, complaining of the violation of the Acts of Trade by the neighbouring colonies; recommending a letter from His Majesty to be sent to the Governors of those colonies; to cause a strict observance of those Acts, and one or more ships to attend at proper stations, to examine and seize ships trading contrary to the laws. Dated 2 Aug. 1693.

The extract and a brief letter relating thereto. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

Aug. 3. 31. Report of the Com^rs of the Customs to the Lords of the Treasury; on the petition of the Governor, Assistants, and fellowship of Merchants of Eastland, respecting the customs on spruce canvas, the question being whether it was Polonian and Prussian linen or canvas; acquainting their Lordships that there were three sorts of linen imported from the east country, viz., flaxen, heyden, and hempen, and that the first is liable to the duty, and the third (the one in question) ought to pay as broad Germany linen. Dated 3 Aug. 1693.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 4. 32. Certificate of Wm. Robinson to the Lords of the Treasury, that he had perused the petition of James Clerke, merchant, the Order of Council and the report of the Com^rs of the Revenue in

1693. Ireland, relating to a parcel of salt seized by him (Robinson) in Waterford; certifying that on 25 July 1690, the day of the surrender of Waterford, he secured the provisions there, and found 879 bushels of salt, but did not know whose property it was. Part of it was delivered to the army and part sold; that delivered to the army was chargeable to their account at a penny per quart, &c. Dated 4 Aug. 1693.

Also the report above-named. Dated 3 March 1692–3. 3½ *pages.*

Aug. 4. 33. Report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Cornwall Bradshaw, who was bound in 800*l.* for Mr. Anthony Thorald, a displaced collector of the port of Lyme, who was indebted to the Exchequer, and a prisoner. The petitioner prayed for the allowance of 84*l.* lost by Thorold, in returning the money collected, and 130*l.* for Mr. Thorold's services, for nearly 2½ years; advising that it was equitable to make an allowance. Dated 4 Aug. 1693.

Minuted:—"16 9br '94, not to be prosecuted till this case be further considered."

Also a duplicate copy of the report, the petition, three other papers, and a piece of parchment connected therewith. 7 *pages*, 2 *halves*, *and the piece of parchment.*

Aug. 5. 34. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ann Newton, relict of George Newton, late collector of excise; recommending her as an object of compassion, her husband's accounts being in arrear. Dated 5 Aug. 1693.

Minuted:—"Granted." 2 *pages.*

Jan 6, 1692–3, to Aug. 9, 1693. 35. Presentments of the Comrs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the amounts received from their Lordships, and the claims they had to discharge, for freight, provisions, &c. Dated between 6 Jan. and 9 Aug. 1693. 43 *pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 9. 36. Letter from Sir John Trenchard to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying Her Majesty's pleasure, upon the memorial of the Comrs of Transportation, that the money to carry to Holland 400 horse and 900 foot, should be paid.

Also the memorial referred to. Both dated 9 Aug. 1693. 2 *parts of pages.*

14 & 17 Aug. 37. Memorial of the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they were required by Her Majesty's order, through Lord Nottingham, to send letters of credit to the Governor of Barbadoes, or assurance that his bill of exchange will be paid, for sums expended for sick and wounded seamen put on shore there, praying their Lordships' directions as they had no effects for that service. Dated 14 Aug. 1693. 1 *sheet.*

Another letter from the same, dated 17 Aug. '93, and a letter from Lord Nottingham, on the same subject. 3 *pages.*

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Aug. 17. 38. Petition of Margaret Morgan, spinster, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that her father was Attorney-General for Ireland, and for his loyalty to King Charles I. was deprived of his life and estate by the popish rebels; that the petitioner having to seek her fortune in England, discovered to King Charles II. a robbery of 3,000*l.* worth of crown plate, and prosecuted the criminal, and the day the matter was to be heard she was arrested, and detained 22 months in the Poultry Counter, and was thereby ruined; and further that the Bishop of Lichfield detained her pension from her. Praying relief.

Minuted:—"17 Aug. '93. To be sent to my L^d^ Bishop." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 17.] 39. Petition of David Robinson, keeper of the park at Audley End, praying payment of 60*l.* by him disbursed for hay for deer, as appears by his account allowed by Lord Lovelace, and for a further supply to enable him to provide for the deer for the winter.

Minuted:—"17 Aug. '93. The housekeeper to inquire into this and certify." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 17.] 40. Certificates as to the musters of the garrison of Plymouth and St. Nicholas' Island, in the years 1688 and 1689. Certified in Oct., Nov., and Dec., 1692. The last of these is dated on the dorse, 17 Aug^t^ '93.

Accompanied by two other papers, entitled,—

(1.) "The ancient establishment of the guarison of the Royall cittadell at Plymouth and St. Nicholas' Island, as followeth; with the addition of gunners, &c."

This was dated at Sherborne, 30 Nov. 1688, and signed by the Prince of Orange.

(2.) "A list of the officers, gunners, and attendants added to their Maj^ties^ guarison of Plymouth & St. Nicholas' Island, with their respective pays *per diem,* and the whole arreare stated." 5 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 17.] 41. Petition of John Morfee, who attended the Duke of Schomberg into Ireland, as conductor to the train of artillery in Ireland; praying Mr. Hubbard might be ordered to state his account.

Minuted:—"17 Aug. '93. R. to ye officers of ye Ordnance." 1 *page, quarto* (*greatly decayed*).

Aug. 17. 42. The acknowledgment and petition of Dr. Nicholas Staggins, praying the King to settle upon him the allowance of 200*l. per ann.* payable at the Exchequer; which he received there in the time of King Charles the Second, as master of the music.

On the dorse:—"17 Aug^t^ '93."

Also an extract of the entry at the Signet Office, relating to the grant of the said fee of 200*l.* *Two parts of pages.*

[? About Aug. 17.] 43. Petition of Elizabeth Mack Donell, widow of Lieut. Edwd. Mack Donell, showing that her husband was slain at Angwin, in Flanders, as appeared by the certificate annexed, and had left her

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destitute with three children; praying their Lordships to order her something to carry her into Ireland, being the place of her birth.

Minuted:—"17 Aug^{t} '93. The agent of y^{e} regim^{t} to certifie if there be any pay due to her late husband."

Also the certificate named. 1½ *pages* (*quarto*).

[? About Aug. 17.] 44. Petition of Katharine Countess of Ardglas on behalf of herself and the Lady Elizabeth Cromwell, her daughter, to whom she was guardian, showing that the soldiers of the regiments of Cols. Villiers and Coy, in Ireland, took free quarter on the estates and tenements of the petitioners in the north of Ireland, and the supply of their necessities amounted to 2,500*l.* Praying for satisfaction.

Minuted:—"17 Aug^{t} '93. To be consider'd when y^{e} regim^{ts} come to be cleer'd." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 17.] 45. Petition of Hugh Greg to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had remained at the court of the King of Denmark about 12 months, without settled allowance; but the King had allowed him 150*l.* for his entertainment, whereof 50*l.* was unpaid; praying payment.

Minuted:—"17 Aug^{t} '93. To be paid." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 17.] 46. Petition of Margaret Morrison to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that her husband was botanic professor and physician in ordinary to King Charles II., that his salary was 4,400*l.* in arrear, that after his death their Lordships examined the matter and ordered the petitioner 200*l.* *per ann.*, in consideration of the arrear, of which she had received nothing for five years, except a tally of 100*l.*; praying for payment of the arrears, and a continuance of the pension.

Minuted:—"17 Aug^{t} '93. It cannot be don at this time." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 17.] 47. Petition of Wm. Vanbrugh to the Lords of the Treasury, for the payment of 328*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*. due to him as agent to the regiment, late the Lord Lovelace's, in the service of Ireland; praying them to take his case into consideration, he having been above three years out of his money.

On the dorse is:—"17 Aug^{t} '93." 1 *small quarto page.*

[? About Aug. 17.] 48. Petition of Thomas Lord Morley and Mounteagle to the Lords of the Treasury, praying a stop might be put "to the process w^{ch} is issuing out of the Exchequ^{r} against him for 80*l.* on their Ma^{ties} behalf," and that their Lord^{ps} would order him 120*l.* to supply his necessities.

Minuted:—"17 Aug^{t} '93. My L^{ds} cannot stop process because y^{e} mo. is appropriated." 1 *page* (*much decayed*).

About [Aug. 17.] 49. Petition of Arthur Gould to the Lords of the Treasury, to be appointed to the office of keyman in the port of London.

Minuted:—"17 Aug^{t} '93. R. Comis Customes." 1 *page.*

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Aug. 18. 50. Memorial of Wickman Hausen [commissary to the Danish forces] addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for repayment of moneys deducted from the two months' pay of the Danish troops engaged in Ireland. Dated on the back 18 Aug. '93.
A certificate of Wm. Robinson, showing that 326*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* had been deducted from the said forces. 2 *pages.*

[Aug. 18.] 51. "Petition & certificates of Mary Godfrey, widow of Capt. Warren Godfrey, Londonderry officer, praying payment of 40^{li} here & 40^{li} in Ireland, as the rest of the Londonderry officers' widdows were paid."
On the dorse :—"18 Aug. '93." 3 *pages (greatly decayed).*

Aug. 18. 52. Petition of Anthony Punter, late carpenter of their Majesties' ship "Joseph," in behalf of himself and the rest of the ship's company; showing that the ship was taken into their Majesties' service at Jamaica the 12th March 1690, and continued therein to 3 June following, for which time they were still in arrear of their pay. Praying payment. Dated *on the dorse*, 18 Aug. '93. 1 *page (much injured).*

[? About Aug. 18,] 53. Petition of William Phillips, owner of the vessel called the "Griffith," of Southampton, for payment of 385*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, due to him for freight and the loss of his vessel, which was taken by a French privateer as she was coming from Brest (where she had landed Irish prisoners, by General Gincle's directions,) to Waterford.
Minuted :—"18 Aug^{t} '93. R. to Com^{rs} for exchange of prisoners."
Also two other papers. 3 *pages.*

[About Aug. 18.] 54. Petition of Capt. John Thornhill to the Lords of the Treasury showing that he was commander of Admiral Killigrew's own company in the marine regiment; praying them to instruct the agent to pay him the three months' pay then ordered, but which the agent informed him must be paid to the widow, whose husband he succeeded.
On the dorse :—"18 Aug^{t} '93." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 18.] 55. Petition of Elizabeth Cullyford in behalf of Elizabeth and Mary Webster, the children of Captain Will^{m} Webster, deceased, showing that the captain lost his life serving in Ireland in the regiment of the late Lieut.-General Kirke, leaving the said children orphans in charge of their grandmother, the petitioner, who, by the evil management and unkind dealing of her husband was reduced to a starving condition; praying an order for 30*l.* or 40*l.*, or what their Lordships should think fit, to keep them from starving, until the accounts of their father's arrears could be stated.
Minuted :—"18 Aug^{t} '93. To be consider'd when y^{e} regim^{t} is cleerd." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 18.] 56. Petition of William Sympson, brother-in-law and administrator to Captain William Strangways, deceased, who served in a regiment of foot under Col. Thomas Erle, and was killed at the

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taking of Athlone, in Ireland, on 30 June 1691, praying for the payment of 158*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*, due to his brother-in-law.

Minuted:—" 18 Aug. '93. There can be nothing don till y^e^ regim^t^ is cleerd." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 18.] 57. Petition of William Chantry to the Lords of the Treasury, to be appointed as a weighing porter in the port of London.

Minuted:—" 18 Aug. '93. R. Com^rs^ Customes." *Part of a page (quarto).*

[? About Aug. 18.] 58. Letter of Wm. Savage to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had served the Dutch Guards at St. James's for some time with coals, &c.; beseeching their Lordships to order him the payment of his bills, then before the Earl of Ranelagh, as he could not stir abroad for fear of a prison.

Minuted:—" 18 Aug^t^ '93. R. to my L^d^ Ranelagh." 1*page.*

[About Aug. 18.] 59. Memorial of John Smith, receiver of their Majesties land revenue for the county of Middlesex, stating that he had paid 700*l.* into the receipt of the Exchequer, being rents and fines received out of the manor of Hendon (Middlesex), seized upon the attainder of Willm., Lord Marquis of Powys; praying their Lordships' warrant to the Auditor to put the said revenue in charge, according to the inquisition found thereof, or the rental annexed, so that he might make allowance of necessary expenses.

Minuted:—" 18 Aug^t^ '93. To be allow'd his charges & ye Aud^r^ to be directed to put it in charge."

Also the rental. 2 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 18.] 60. Petition of Margaret, Lady Cunningham, Margaret Lloyd, Sarah Mayo, Jane Newcomen, and Rebecca Hamilton, widows, showing that their husbands lost their lives in their Majesties' service in Ireland, and that public affairs had prevented attention being paid to their (the widows') petitions; praying their Lordships to call for the petitions, in the hands of Mr. Glanvile, and lay them before His Majesty for his directions.

Minuted:—" 18 Aug^t^ '93. To be laid before the Queen." 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 18.] 61. Petition of Margaret Falconer, widow and relict of Ensign Thomas Falconer, deceased; showing that her husband served as ensign in Col. Henry Baker's regiment in the siege of Londonderry and lost his life, leaving three children; and that the petitioner's name was forgotten to be inserted in the list of officers' widows; praying for an order for 15*l.* here, and 15*l.* in Ireland.

Minuted:—" 18 Aug. '93."

The truth of the petition is certified at the foot. 1 *page.*

[? About Aug. 18.] 62. Petition of Francis Thornton to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that his father, Captain Willm. Thornton, who was in 1642 controller of customs at Hull, was turned out of Hull and plundered for his loyalty to Charles I., and afterwards continued in the King's

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service and furnished His Majesty at York with 2,500*l.* He was dismissed from his place and his estate sequestered, and he lost by sequestration, decimation, and imprisonment, 20,000*l.* On the Restoration he returned to his place, which he had for his and his son's life. His son Capt. Thomas Thornton held it till in '84 he was barbarously murdered by Charles Macarty, and the place given to Mr. Mitton, who was ordered to pay petitioner's mother 40*l. per ann.* out of the profits, which he did, till Christmas '88; since which time he refused to pay, there being 50*l.* in arrear. Praying that the money due to Mr. Mitton at the Custom House might be paid to the petitioner.

Minuted:—"18 Aug^{t} '93. R. to M^{r} Knight. 26 Feby. '93–4. If M^{r} Knight hath any mony that belongs to M^{r} Mitton, to pay it to the petitioner."

Accompanied by two certificates as to the last payment made to Mr. Thomas Mitton upon his salary. Dated in May and June 1693. 1½ *pages.*

[?About 18 Aug. 1693.] 63. Petition of Simon de Brienne, housekeeper and wardrobe keeper of the palace of Kensington; showing that he had been paid his salary, having petitioned for it, but not his disbursements, amounting to 210*l.* 15*s.*; praying for payment.

Minuted:—"18 Aug. '93. To be considered when mo. is paid to y^{e} K^{s} serv^{ts}."

Also a certificate of the sums due. 2 *pages.*

[?About Aug. 18.] 64. Petition of Sir G. Talbot to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to consider his former petition, and that he might be reimbursed his principal debt of 12,000*l.*, contracted for the service of the Crown in the time of King Charles the First and King Charles the Second. Signed G. Talbot. He was employed as resident, and then as envoy at Venice.

Minuted:—"18 Aug. '93. My L^{d} Godolphin to be put in mind of this at y^{e} King's return." 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 18.] 65. The case of Sir Thomas Duppa represented to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was sub-collector of the tenths of the clergy in the diocese of Exeter in 1686 and 1687, and employed under him one Francis Blight, of Bodmin, to collect the same, who joined King James's army, not having rendered up the moneys collected, &c.

Minuted:—"18 Aug. 1693. Remitted for so much only as he shall assigne over." 1½ *pages* (*much decayed*).

[About Aug. 18.] 66. A memorial of Thomas Styver, touching the appeal of William Mancell, of the island of Guernsey, referred to the Lords of the Treasury by Order of Council, respecting a duty on beer; praying their Lordships to make their report thereon.

Minuted:—"18 Aug. '93. A report to be made y^{t} y^{e} L^{ds} have no cognisance of this matter." 1 *page.*

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[About Aug. 18.] 67. Petition of Charles Collings to Sir Stephen Fox, one of the Comrs of the Treasury, for the next vacancy of tidesman in fee.
Minuted:—" 18 Aug. '93. Recommended to ye Comrs of ye Customes." 1 *page.*

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Aug. 19. 1. A letter of Lord Nottingham to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the bill of extraordinary charges of Mr. Lambert Blackwell, their Majesties' consul at Leghorn, previously laid before Her Majesty, in order that they might pay him 500*l.* on that account, if they had no objection. Dated 19 Aug. 1693.
Minuted:—" To have 500*l.* in lieu of his charges. 19 Aug. 1693."
Also two statements, addressed to Lord Nottingham, of his expenses. Dated 27 Apr. and 3 Aug. 1693. 5½ *pages.*

Aug. 19. 2. Report of Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the new duty upon coffee, tea, cocoa, and chocolate, stating that it seemed to him most agreeable to the intent of the Parliament to construe these reduced duties to be part of the former larger duties given by the preceding Act, and so in judgment of law not to arise by this last Act, and, in consequence not to be within the fund of credit or appropriation thereby made. Dated 19 Aug. 1693.
Also the paper on which he makes the report. 2 *pages.*

[? About Aug. 19.] 3. Report of the Lords of the Treasury to the King, about a lease to be passed to the Marquis of Carmarthen, to take effect after the death of the Queen Dowager, or after the determination of the grant which was made to Osborne and Knight. [The grant consisted chiefly of rents reserved upon leases.]
The report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, dated 19 Aug. 1693; and the report of Ed. Northey, counsel for the Marquis, dated 27 June 1693.
Minuted:—" To be done as is stated in the report." 6½ *pages.*

Aug. 19. 4. Letter of Israel Fielding to Mr. Secretary Guy, acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 17th inst., requiring to know what accounts he had then depending, and with whom, in connexion with the Victualling Office; sending the whole account at once, as the readiest way of answering the inquiry, &c. Dated 19 Aug. 1693. 1 *page.*

Aug. 25. 5. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Sandford, gent., as to a debenture for the

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drawback on certain tobacco which had been mislaid, and which they did not then object to pass. Dated 25 Aug. 1693.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 25. 6. Copy of Memorial from the Lords of the Admiralty to the "*Lords of the Cabinett,*" setting forth what they thought fit to be done, in relation to such of the great ships as should be laid up for the winter, as to paying off the men, &c., referring also to a letter of the 21st instant, which they had sent informing them that the fleet had come into Torbay; and that several of the ships would be speedily ordered into harbour, by reason of their defects, &c. and would require to be paid off. Dated 25 Aug. 1693.

Also the letter referred to. 3½ *pages.*

Aug. 29. 7. Report of the agents for bringing in taxes, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Chas. Brawne, Esq., Receiver-General of the Quarterly Poll for the county of Somerset and city of Bristol, in favour of the transfer of 1,099*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* (paid in surplusage) to his account of the 4*s.* aid; as prayed by the petitioner. Dated 29 Aug. 1693.

Also the petition and the Auditor's certificate. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 30. 8. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of William Smith, who had been a considerable merchant, but was reduced to a miserable condition by the capture of his ships by French privateers; and was then in prison, and indebted for customs nearly 500*l.* Dated 30 Aug. 1693.

There are four minutes on the dorse, the last of which is:—"4 June 1695. To be discharged by *supersedeas*, giving a new bond" &c.

Also a certificate and memorandum relating thereto. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 30. 9. Memorial signed James Leece, on behalf of the Board of Ordnance, laying before the Lords of the Treasury an estimate of the requirements of that Board. Dated 30 Aug. 1693. 1 *page.*

Aug. 31. 10. Report, signed Geo. Clark, to the [Lords of the Treasury], on the petition of Major David Bourk, Major Donnell O'Donnell, Capt. Jacob Wilson, Capt. John Bourk, Capt. Patrick Hughs, Capt. Miles Bourk, Lieut. Fergus Kelly, Lieut. Clement Fanning, and Ensign Darby Inly, who were appointed to serve in the regiment sent from Ireland into the Emperor's service, but stayed behind by permission of the Lord Iveagh, colonel of that regiment for recovery of their health; viz., as to certain claims of the petitioners, they having recovered and being willing to go into Germany. The report also mentions that Serjeant Timothy Dyer and Martin Cahan, drummer, had also stayed behind, sick; but were then ready to go with Major Bourk and the other officers, Dated 31 Aug. 1693.

Minuted:—"27 Oct. '93. Nothing can be done in [this]." 1½ *pages.*

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Sept. 4. 11. Letter signed Jo. Knight, addressed to the Right Hon. Sir Stephen Fox, excusing himself from attendance on their Lordships, on account of illness; and stating that if his attendance were required, in relation to the 1,100*l.* lately paid into his hands, for duty on coffee, tea, &c., he craved leave to inform their Lordships that he had spoken with the Patent Officers again, who persisted in their opinion, that that duty could belong to no other branch than Customs; further that all new duties, not particularly directed to be kept apart, by Act of Parliament, were constantly placed under the Act of Subsidy, &c. Dated 4 Sept. 1693. 1½ *pages* (*decayed*).

[About Sept. 6, 1693.] 12. Petition of Richard Payne to the Lords of the Treasury, to be appointed landwaiter in fee.
Minuted:—"6th Sept. '93. Referred to Comiss. of Customes." 1 *page.*

Sept. 7. 13. Petition of Isaac Pereyra, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the petitioner's accounts for the management of the bread waggons and for delivery of bread to the forces in Ireland, was delivered in 16 months before, and referred to the Auditors of imprest, for examination and report; praying an order to oblige Mr. Auditor Done to forthwith present his report.
Also a note, written most likely to the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the petition. Dated 7 Sept. 1693. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 8. 14. Representation of the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the sums they were indebted; stating that at the return of the fleet great numbers of sick seamen would be put on shore at Dover, Deal, Chatham, and Rochester, and that they depended upon the receipt of 7,200*l.*, which they promised to pay to the "Quarterers" till Midsummer 1692, which promise they were unable to perform, as none would advance money on the tallies at any rate. Praying an order for 8,800*l.*, without which the seamen as they were landed must starve in the streets. Dated 8 Sept. 1693. 1 *page.*

[About Sept. 8.] 15. Petition of Jane Roper, wife of Richard Roper, to the Comrs of the Treasury Chamber, stating that she was descended of a very honourable family, and was grandchild of Sir Adam Loftus, K.G., but was ruined by the wars in Ireland, &c.; praying that her husband might be made a coast-waiter.
Minuted:—"8 Sept. '93. Referred to the Commissioners of the Customes."
Also a certificate relating thereto. 1 *page and* 3 *lines.*

Sept. 14. 16. Letter signed Ri. Bovett, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, as to certain diamonds which were landed before entry, and seized. They were entered at 500*l.*, though believed to be worth 10,000*l.* or more. Dated 14 Sept. 1693. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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Sept. 15. 17. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of admitting Thomas Taylor as purveyor of the works, in the room of Mr. Radcliff, who was old, and willing to resign his grant of that office. Dated 15 Sept. 1693.

Minuted:—" 4 Oct. '93. Speak with Sir Ch. Wren."

Also the memorial or representation on which the report was based. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 20. 18. Memorial from the Com^rs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that their Lordships had signified that they were to receive no more money from the office of Charles Fox, Esq., and asking for a privy seal for the transport money, and that it might be received by a cashier, and proposing Mr. Edward Pansford for that office. Dated 20 Sept. 1693.

Minuted:—" A privy seale to bee prepared for this, and M^r Pauncefort to bee their cashier." 1 *page.*

[? About Sept. 21.] 19. Petition of Jerom Russell, Esq., late collector of the port of Sligo, in Ireland, showing that he was made a collector of the port of Sligo, immediately after the surrender of that fort, that most of the houses were beaten down, and not habitable when he went there; that he repaired a house for the custom house and excise office; that food was excessively dear; that the people were rude and barbarous, the Rapparees being numerous; that he carried on his duties at great hazard, &c., notwithstanding which he was suspended, and one Mr. Griffiths put in his place. Praying to be restored, and that he might receive the charges he had laid out.

Minuted:—" 21 Sept. '93. Referred to the Commis. of the Revenue of Ireland."

Also an account, referred to in the petition, of money disbursed by him in a journey to Kinsale, and from thence to Galway by sea, and on to Dublin.

And another schedule of sums disbursed. 4 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 26.] 20. Petition of Ellen Carlyle, widow, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that she had a pension of 80*l.* *per ann.* settled on her for a debt of 1,200*l.* and upwards, 100*l.* of which pension was in arrear; further, that she lost her two sons in the wars in Ireland. Praying for at least some part of what was due.

Minuted:—" 26 Sept. '93. To bee considered in the next list." 1 *page.*

Sept. 27. 21. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had by repeated representations acquainted their Lordships that none would advance money on the tallies allotted to them; that though their Lordships had ordered 1,000*l.*, yet the debt was so great at Rochester and Chatham that the quarterers had refused to receive the sick men, then lately sent from their Majesties' ships, into their houses; alleging that they and their families are like to starve, and they had better let the sick men die without, than hunger them within. Dated 27 Sept. 1693. 1 *page.*

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Sept. 27. 22. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Edwd. Browne and Charles Peers, of London, merchants, as to the shipment at Cadiz of certain cochineal (in consequence of an expected bombardment of the city by the French fleet) in foreign built ships, manned with foreigners, in favour of their being allowed to enter the same and pay the customs. Dated 27 Sept. 1693.

Minuted:—"4 Oct. '93. Agreed to."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 28. 23. Report of Mr. John Richards to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Champion, one of the keepers of their Majesties' privy galleries at Whitehall; stating that several of the servants were paid by Lord Griffin, in the year 1688, and others left behind. The quarter to Midsummer 1688 was still due to Mr. Champion, although Mr. Pawlett, the other gallery keeper, had been paid. Dated 28 Sept. 1693.

Minuted:—"4 Oct. '93. When money is appointed for y^e^ Treasurer of y^e^ chambers, he shall be made equal w^th^ his fellow. 3 Ap^r^ '95. A letter to Mr. Richards to pay this out of ye mo[ney] he has in his hands."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

[Sept. 29.] 24. A schedule of the names of persons and sums. *Endorsed:* "Particulars of 2 *per cent.* p^d^ at the Custome House, to Michas. 1693." 1 *large page.*

Sept. 30. 25. Letter from Sir Wm. Beeston [Lieutenant-Governor of Jamaica], to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had acquainted their Lordships that Capt. Groves had lost his ship on the south side of Port Royal, having 100 hhds. of sugar and some ginger aboard, for their Majesties' account. One hhd. was saved and 62 bags of ginger. He had ordered the naval officer to take care of the sick men of the "Faulcon," and to lay out 60*l.* coming from a prize, but it cost above 100*l.* more, which he knew not how to discharge, as the Treasury was much in debt. He meant to send the accounts to the Auditor-General, if he could get them timely enough from the Receiver, who was very dilatory. It would be a manifest kindness and safety to the island if their Lordships would grant the 1,000*l.* he begged for, towards the fortifications. Dated 30 Sept. 1693. 1 *page.*

Sept. 30. 26. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that Her Majesty's ketch, the "Talbot," formerly taken by the enemy, had been re-captured by the "St. Albans," and the Judge of the Admiralty was of opinion that the only legal course for returning her into their Majesties' service was to buy her of the Com^rs^ for Prizes; desiring their Lordships to order her to be bought. Dated 30 Sept. 1693. 1 *page.*

Oct. 3. 27. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Laurence Culliford, comptroller of the customs in the ports of Bridgewater and Minhead, as to the renewal of

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his "Constitution," for the office of comptroller, and the payment of arrears of his salary; not objecting to the payment of the arrear, nor the renewal of his constitution. Dated 3 Oct. 1693.

Minuted:—"His arrear to be paid, his ballance of account to be deducted out of it, a new constitution & a dormant warrant for salary."

Also the petition and two certificates. 1 *page and* 3 *parts of pages.*

Oct 4. 28. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on a report of the Solicitor-General, made upon a petition of John Shuckburgh, Esq., stating that they found the allegations in the report and petition were true, and that the right in law to the lease of the manor of Portlester, for 15 years then to come, was vested in the petitioner; but that he was not thereby entitled to the King's favour, for a new lease in reversion, since Maurice Eustace the first lessee who mortgaged his lease, had reserved one-half year in it, to keep the right of tenancy; and further the King, by letters patent of 1 June last, had granted an estate of inheritance in that manor, among the rest of the private estate of the late King James in that kingdom, to Henry Guy, Robert Rocheford, and Matthew Hutton, Esq.; advising that the trustees be directed to make a further lease to the petitioner of the same, as he was more likely to improve the lands. Dated 4 Oct. 1693.

Accompanied by the petition and report referred to, which states that the manor of Portlester, in the county of Meath, was demised by the late King James, when Duke of York, to Maurice Eustace, of Portlester, Esq., who demised to Michael Tempest the castle and certain parcels of the said manor, which lease was conveyed to Richard Shukburgh, Esq., who was executor to the above petitioner.

The report contains various other particulars about the manor, &c., and concludes by stating that the petitioner was a Protestant, and on His Majesty's arrival in England in 1688, attended him on his march from the west of England to the city of London, and was then in the commission of the peace for the county of Warwick. Dated 23 June 1693. 5 *pages.*

Oct 4. 29. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had hoped, with the 2,000*l.* seasonably ordered, and with tallies for 1,500*l.*, they should have satisfied the quarterers at Rochester; but they would not accept the tallies at any rate; that the "Diamond" frigate and fireship, with several Barbadoes men were carried to France, where we had great numbers of prisoners, and the masters of the transports refused to carry the French prisoners and fetch our seamen home, until part of their freight was paid. Praying for a further order for 2,000*l.* Dated 4 Oct. 1693. 1 *page.*

Oct. 4. 30. Report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the petition of Charles Hedges, Robert Woodward, Doctor of Laws, Thomas Pitt, Esq., and Wingfield Brockwel,

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gent., praying the grant of one moiety of a dwelling house, and other edifices at Christ Church, a wharf and key, and the beach adjoining, enclosed therewith, to Charles Hedges and his heirs, and the other moiety to the other petitioners; the said buildings having been erected upon soil belonging to the Crown, by Henry Hedges and Thomas Dennett, two of the undertakers for making the River Avon navigable from Christchurch to New Sarum, and a new harbour near Christchurch (if required); and further petitioning to carry the pier some furlongs into the sea, &c. Approving the grant, but recommending that the other works should be "communicated to the whole undertaking," and be confined to some certainty and limits. Dated 4 Oct. 1693.

Also the petition and two affidavits relating thereto. 4¼ *pages.*

[About Oct. 4.] 31. An authorization for Mr. John Jones to go into Wales, on their Majesties' service, to collect evidence in connexion with a suit in the Court of Exchequer; touching their Majesties' title to the estate of the late Marquess of Powis, in the county of Montgomery, seized on his attainder.

Minuted:—"4th Oct. '93. Transcrib'd for y^e^ L^ds^ to sign." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Oct. 4.] 32. Report of the Com^rs^ of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Bartholomew Clements, certifying that he delivered to Thos. Clarke, their Lordships' agent at Yarmouth, two ships and their lading, without embezzlement, which were condemned as prizes in the Admiralty Court, and were disposed of for 1,011*l.* 9*s.* 1*d.*, besides the charges; and further recommending that the obligation of the captain should be discharged.

Minuted:—"4^th^ Oct. '93. Order'd to be p^d^ 50^li^ & it shall be allow'd on their acc^t^."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

[About Oct. 4.] 33. Petition of Capt. Stephen Godfrey, showing that he raised a company at his own charge, which he commanded in Londonderry during the siege, and that his estate was ruined by the enemy; praying for the allowance of 40*l.* here and 40^li^ in Ireland, being the same as was allowed to the other captains, or the whole in Ireland.

Minuted:—"4th Oct. '93. The L^ds^ can make no more allowances of this nature."

Copies of two certificates as to his services. 3 *pages.*

[About Oct. 4.] 34. Petition of Henry Price to the Queen, for the remission of the fine of 20 marks imposed on William Purchase, "his son," a journeyman bricklayer, for an assault on William Challoner, gent., and for his release from imprisonment.

Minuted:—"4^th^ Oct. '93. Referred to Mr. Aaron Smith." 1 *page.*

[Oct. 5.] 35. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Q[uarte]r-master Abel Thomas, who served under the Duke of Schomberg in Ireland, which was addressed to the Queen,

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for payment of arrears, amounting to 162*l.* 18*s.* He was in great want, through sickness and extraordinary losses since by raparees, who burnt his house and destroyed his substance; leaving it to their Lordships to say how long the allowance should be continued. Dated 5 Oct. 1693.

Minuted:—"11 Oct. '93. The King hath ordered that no more halfe pay bee paid in England to officers of this nature." 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 5. 36. Presentment by their Majesties' Principal Com^rs^ of Prizes, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending Charles Bishop, surveyor of customs at Harwich, for the appointment of agent for prizes at Harwich, in the place of Joseph Sanders, late surveyor and agent there. Dated 5 Oct. 1693.

Minuted:—"10^th^ Oct. '93. Granted." ¾ *page.*

Oct. 9. 37. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Warner for a waitership in the port of London, which Mr. Andrew Haynes held by patent for life; approving the transfer. Dated 9 Oct. 1693.

Also the petition. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 10. 38. Virginia, 1693. Abstract of proceedings of the Assembly in relation to the Act for Ports, the Act for advancement of the manufactures of the country, and an Act against the exporting tobacco in bulk.

The Assembly was held on 10 Oct. 1693. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 10. 39. Letter of Isr[ael] Fielding to Mr. Guy, at the Treasury Chambers, as to attendance at the Treasury Chambers with his (Mr. Fielding's) vouchers to his account. Dated 10 Oct. 1693. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About Oct. 10.] 40. Petition of John Diserote and Walter Hurst, who had discovered an invention for taking up wrecks, addressed to the Queen, praying for liberty to get up such wrecks as they should discover, which were not already granted to other persons, and for such wrecks as were granted to other persons, after the expiration of their grants, upon payment of one-tenth of all bullion, gold, silver, and other goods recovered, and half the value of guns taken out of the royal ships.

Also a schedule entitled:—"Grants already pass'd to sundry persons for wrecks upon the coasts of England and Ireland."

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury to report thereon. Dated 10 Oct. 1693. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 12. 41. Letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Navy Board, which the latter had received from several East Country merchants, who served their Majesties with naval stores, complaining of the remote tallies assigned them; declaring their inability to deal any longer if better funds were not provided, and their future bills paid in money. Dated 12 Oct. 1693. 1 *page.*

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Oct. 13. 42. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of divers non-commissioned officers and private horsemen of Col. Theodorus Russell's late regiment; praying payment of the arrears due to them at the time the regiment was broken, viz., as to the payment of the same. Dated 13 Oct. 1693.
Minuted:—"20 Oct. '93. To stay till ye King's return."
Also the petition and an account. 6 *pages.*

Oct. 17. 43. Memorial of the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, praying an order for 4,000*l.* to carry on their service; viz., to clear the "quarterers" at Rochester, "till Midsummer gone twelvemonths," and to pay Mr. George Dickinson, late agent at Plymouth, then removed to Hull. Dated 17 Oct. 1693. 1 *page.*

Oct. 17. 44. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a report made by the Com^rs^ of Revenue upon a letter from their Lordships, and the petition of the Lord Lanesborough to His Majesty, for a grant of quit rents out of his Lordship's estate in Ireland, in consideration of his losses; objecting to the granting away any of the settled revenue of the Crown, "especially at this time, when it falls so much short of the necessary expense for the support of the Government." Dated 17 Oct. 1693.
Minuted:—"The King agrees to the L^ds^ Justices' opinion."
Accompanied by the report and petition. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 17. 45. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the annexed memorials of Col. Richard Coote and Col. Robt. Ecclynn, praying that the accounts of their regiments might be stated, and debentures made out for the arrears of pay due to them, before 1 Jan. 1691; when they, with several other regiments, were placed on the new establishment of Ireland; in favour of the memorialists. Dated 17 Oct. 1693. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 17. 46. Order of the Earl of Nottingham, upon the petition of the Spanish Ambassador, for the shipment, (without molestation from the custom authorities,) of two bells bought in London, and intended to be made use of at Cadiz in Spain. Dated 17 Oct. 1693. 1 *page.*

Oct. 18. 47. Memorial of the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that there is an arrear of 157,000*l.*, that they had been so long without the "ordinary" of the office, from which source all the fortifications of the kingdom were formerly supported, that they had fallen into decay. Upon a survey taken, the forts on the River Medway were found extremely ruinous; they had ordered the estimates of repairs annexed, and hoped their Lordships would order the necessary moneys, the Parliament having rejected their demands for such services. Dated 18 Oct. 1693.
United are the estimates. 4 *pages.*

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Oct. 20. 48. Petition of Thos. Neale, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that he might have an allowance for himself and three or four others concerned with him, for his third part of the seizures made by the East India Company, and not accounted for to the Crown. The moiety of the seizures being due to the Crown. Dated on the back 20 Oct. 1693.
Minuted:—"Nothing can be done." 1 *page.*

Oct. 20. 49. Memorial signed Fr. Negus, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the order of 100*l.* towards the charge of repairing the mews, in connexion with the water supply. Dated 20 Oct. '93. 1 *page (quarto).*

Oct. 20. 50. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Hollond, collector of customs at Hull, recommending his transfer to London, as a surveyor of the land-waiters, &c.; also Mr. Pye to be sent to Newcastle, and Mr. Nash to be clerk or registrar of the coast bonds. Dated 20 Oct. 1693.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 21. 51. Copy of a letter of Lord Nottingham to the Com^rs for the sick and wounded, for care to be taken of certain "landmen" who came from the West Indies, on board Sir Francis Wheeler's squadron, by providing lodging, nurses, &c. for them at Portsmouth. Dated 21 Oct. 1693. 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 52. "Memorial for the workes" to their Lordships, praying a tally for 800*l.* to pay Capt. Studholme, Mr. Negus, Mr. Clarke, &c. Dated 23 Oct. '93. 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 53. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the law and practice with regard to the exportation of foreign coin, or bullion of gold or silver, certain chests of bullion having lately been seized by captains Baron and Nash, on board several men-of-war and yachts. Dated 23 Oct. 1693.
Minuted:—"Agreed to the report, & that the bullion bee carried to the Mint to bee coyned."
Also a letter of the Earl of Nottingham, and other papers relating thereto. 9 *pages or parts of pages.*

Oct. 23. 54. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning regulations made with respect to the tidesmen in the port of London. Dated 23 Oct. 1693.
Minuted:—"To be done according to this report." 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 55. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter of the Earl of Nottingham to their Lordships relating to Genoese ships, which were supposed to bring goods from Toulon and Marseilles to England, and carry to those ports such goods as were laden hence for Genoa. Dated 23 Oct. 1693.
Also some schedules, showing the cargoes certain ships were laden with. 5 *pages.*

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Oct. 25. 56. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a petition of the merchants of London trading to Greenland, concerning a parcel of whale oil or blubber, and whale fins, "of French fishing, taken prize by the petitioners' ships in the seas of Greenland or Iceland, and imported into this kingdom;" praying to be admitted to enter the goods at no higher duty than if they had been taken by and imported in the petitioners' ships; recommending the payment of the custom according to the value. Dated 25 Oct. 1693.

Minuted:—"To pay *ad valorem.*"

Also the petition referred to. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 57. "An account of what moneys were received by Col. Lillingston's regiment, from the first of February 1692–3 to the first of October foll., the time they were aboard on the Martinico expedition." ½ *page.*

Nov. 1. 58. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth their debts and stating that, unless a suitable supply were forthwith granted to defray the charge of the sick seamen at Plymouth, Rochester, and elsewhere, they must want bread; and if the French prisoners of war were neglected here, the English prisoners in France could expect no better usage, &c.; and further, that they could not dispose of the tallies without an allowance of 20*l. per cent.*; praying a supply. Dated 1 Nov. 1693. 1 *page.*

Nov. 2. 59. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sarah Butler, widow, which showed that she had been a great sufferer, having lost her husband and three sons at the fight of "Agrum and Arklone;" that the French and Irish kept garrison in her house nine months, and burnt it when they could keep it no longer; and that they took her daughter, about 14 years of age, cut off her hair, and afterwards killed her; and, the petitioner coming to the child's rescue, they cut her in three places, and took her prisoner to Limerick, where they kept her 15 months. There were considerable arrears of pay due to her husband and sons. The report says that it is impossible to ascertain what arrears were due, as the petitioner had lost all the papers and certificates, but recommends her as an object for some small bounty till the accounts can be further looked into. Dated 2 Nov. 1693.

Minuted:—"14 Nov. '93. Mr. Fox to pay her 5*l.*"

Also, the petition, and copies of three certificates. 5 *pages, or parts of pages.*

Nov. 3, 1693, and Apr. 1694. 60. Report of Brook Bridges [Esq.] to the Lords of the Treasury, presenting the state of Mr. Fielding's accounts to their Lordships. The account and report relate to army supplies. Dated 3 Nov. 1693.

"Abstract of Mr. Fielding's second account, as commissary-gen^ll to the Duke of Leinster in Flanders." With observations on the same, signed B. Bridges, 3 Nov. 1693.

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Also a petition of Mr. Fielding, dated Apr. 1694; a petition of John Murrey, deputy commissary of provisions, and a copy of a bill of exchange signed by Mr. Fielding. 7 *pages, and* 3 *half pages.*

Nov. 3. 61. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir John Morden, as to the importation of cochineal from Amsterdam, which, as a product of America, was prohibited from being imported from the former place; in favour of the importation as a useful commodity. Dated 3 Nov. 1693.

Minuted:—"My Lords cannot do it, because it is prohibited. and the seiser, if seized, will have his part."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 6. 62. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the issue of a commission and writ of assistance to one Mr. Dowding, for hindering all commerce and correspondence with France.

[The Commissioners observe that such commissions and writs give a very great authority to the persons that are possessed thereof to break open and search houses, and ought to be used with great prudence and discretion.] Dated 6 Nov. 1693. 1 *page.*

Nov. 7. 63. Copy or reiteration of the memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded, dated 1 Nov. 1693, signed by one additional Commissioner. Dated 7 Nov. 1693. 1 *page.*

Nov. 8. 64. Extract of a report from the Navy Board to the Lords of the Treasury, dated the 8th Nov. '93, upon the desire of the Treasurer of the Navy that the receipts given by the cashier of the victualling might be turned into imprests. 8 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 65. Report of Mr. Abbott to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Gordon against Mr. William Hamilton, agent to Sir David Collier's regiment of foot. The complaint was, that Hamilton, after the decease of Capt. John Gordon, late captain of the regiment, had possessed himself of his personal effects, and refused to account. Dated 10 Nov. 1693.

Also the petition, and an account of the pay of Captain Gordon. 4 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

[? About Nov. 10.] 66. "A state of the yearly supplys of money intended for the Navy, for the years hereafter mentioned, compared with what was issued for that service, and what was deficient, as also of the debt oweing to the Navy on the 5th day of November 1688," viz., the years 1689 to 1692.

The paper appears, from memoranda at the end, to have been made up to the 10th of November 1693. 2 *large pages.*

Nov. 11. 67. A letter from the Navy Board, addressed to Henry Guy, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, with four other papers, showing how the following regiments were disposed of on board the fleet, in the summer of 1693, viz., Col. Venner's, Col. Edw. Loyd's,

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Col. Hamilton's, and Col. Ingoldby's. Dated 11 November '93. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 15. 68. Reiteration of the memorial of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded, which was dated 1 November 1693. Dated 15 November 1693. 1 *page.*

Nov. 17. 69. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of John Toby, showing that King Charles the Second granted the demesnes of the manor of Portland (Co. Dorset), to Henry Seymour, Esq., one of the grooms of the bedchamber, for 25 years, which was conveyed to Willm. Loveing, Esq., and transferred to John Strong, who consented that petitioner should renew the lease; expressing his opinion that a new lease for 31 years might be set at a fine of 300*l.*, reserving the rents of 20*l.* and 10*l.*, but if reduced to the old rent of 10*l.* only, it might deserve a fine of 500*l.* Dated 27 Nov. 1693.

Also the petition, an affidavit, and a certificate of inhabitants of the island of Portland, that the lands were not worth more than 50*l. per ann.* 4 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 70. An estimate of the particulars for fitting out a bomb vessel, with two mortars and 16 guns.

Signed by members of the Board of Ordnance.

A similar estimate of the charge of providing ordnance, &c. for a new fourth-rate ship of 48 guns, intended to be built by Act of Parliament. Dated 17 Nov. 1693. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 71. Representation of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that, by Act 4 & 5 Will. & Mary, a third of the prizes taken by ships of war was to be paid to the Treasurer of the Navy for the relief of sick and wounded seamen, and to widows, &c. of persons slain at sea; and 1,761*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* had been so paid to the Treasurer. Praying their Lordships' order thereon. Dated 17 Nov. 1693.

Minuted:—"A letter to Mr. Norrington to pay this money to the sick and wounded."

Also a duplicate, the only difference being that it is signed by another Commissioner. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 72. Letter of Richard Hutchinson to Henry Guy, Esq., as to his not being able to get his pay out of the East India money; seeking to have it out of the fines and forfeitures arising from the custom laws. Dated 22 Nov. 1693.

Also a note from the same to the same, concerning his attendance, to clear a mistake with respect to the East India money. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 73. A reiteration of the memorial of 1 Nov. 1693 (No. 58), from the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c. 1 *page.*

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1693. [About Nov. 25.] 74. Proposal of Sir Francis Child to lend 5,000*l.* on the vote of the House of Commons, if the Lords of the Treasury would order the payment of "this 2,500*l.* by a tally on the Excise."

Minuted :—"25 Nov. '93. My Lords cannot just at this time strike more upon the Excise." ¼ *page.*

Nov. 26. 75. Letter from Mr. Benjamin Overton to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had chosen Jeremiah Slingsby to succeed James Ellis, his second clerk in the Mint, and asking for a warrant for him. Edmund Hornsby, clerk of the Crown for Lancashire, took clipt moneys to the value of about 10*l.*, and the writer desired he might be ordered to pay the same to him. Mr. Knipe, the Bailiff of Westminster, refused to deliver up the clippings, &c. seized on Humphrey Middleton, executed for clipping, and desired a hearing before their Lordships, asking to have a notice to attend at the same time. Dated 26 Nov. '93.

Minuted :—"The Lords will consider of this; a warrant to put in the clerke."

Enclosed in this is an "Estreat of forfeitures at y^e^ Old Baly, 6^th^ Aprill, 4° R^s^. & Rñe." The forfeitures consisted of clippings and money, but there is nothing to show that it was originally enclosed in the letter. 1½ *pages.*

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1693. [About Dec. 1.] 1. Petitions and other papers (dated between 1687 and 1693) relating to the claim made by one Mrs. Harris, the wife of William Harris, a butcher at Mallow in Ireland, against Elizabeth Countess Dowager of Clancarty. The ground of the claim (as the widow alleged), was, that her husband was barbarously murdered by the Earl of Clancarty, the son of the said Countess, on 27 March 1687, but the Countess, in one of her petitions, gives the following account of the way he lost his life:—"There was a custome (tho' an inhuman pastime) in y^t^ part of Ireland, to toss men in blanketts that y^e^ country people would come freely to offer themselves to be tossed for halfe crown a piece, y^t^ the s^d^ butcher was unfortunately tossed, and for want of care [died] soone after; that the said Earle was noe otherwise accessarie than as a spectator as he was to others tossed the same daye."

One of the papers is a receipt by Mrs. Harris for 100*l.*, in which she acquits the Earl from all further demands. Dated 30 April 1687.

Also another petition of the Countess to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the Queen had ordered a grant to pass of the estate in Ireland, belonging to the son of the Countess with certain exceptions,

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for the satisfaction of the debts due to her, but the Lords Justices refused to pass the same ; praying for a further order thereon.

Minuted thus :—" Dec. 1st '93. The King will not hinder my Lady Clancartie of her legall right, but is not willing that the grant should passe as it is now desired." 5 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Dec. 2. 2. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging the receipt of their letter, with the petition of Col. John Fitzpatrick, concerning a lease granted to him by King Charles II., of certain quit-rents arising out of the estates of the late Lord Slane and others, which petition they referred to Sir Ric. Levinge, the Solicitor-General, transmitting his report. Dated Dublin Castle, 2 Dec. 1693.

Minuted :—" 10th Jany '93. The King will consider the petitioner in something else of equall value."

The report and petition referred to and two other papers. 7 *pages.*

[About Dec. 4.] 3. Petition of Major-General Dorrington to the King, showing that he was made prisoner at the battle of Aghrim, and had remained $2\frac{1}{2}$ years in the Tower, at excessive charges, and deprived of the allowance paid to his fellow prisoners ; praying to be dealt favourably with, although by chance he might not seem comprehended in the " cartell."

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 4 Dec. 1693. 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. 4. " The Commrs of the Revenue in Ireland, their report that there has not bin any such officer as surveyor, by patent, for many years, and conceive such imploymt to be noe use, but a burthen to the revenue; but upon the whole matter they are humbly of opinion Mr Babe's past services may well deserve a reward." Dated 6 Dec. 1693. 1 *page.*

Dec. 6. 5. Memorial of the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, stating the complaints made by the gaolers and agents who relieved the French prisoners and the poor nurses, &c. of the sick seamen, who draw on the Commissioners, they having no effects ; 5,000*l.* must be immediately paid, or their credit is gone, and the sick seamen and prisoners of war must starve; praying for the above supply. Dated 6 Dec. 1693. 1 *page.*

[About Dec. 7.] 6. Report of the victuallers of their Majesties' Navy, on the case of Mr. David Phillipps, of Bristol, who was employed by them to buy biscuit, &c. for the Navy, and for the supply of the soldiers, who were to be transported, stating that they believe it to be true that he bought [and paid for] certain wheat, &c. to be brought from Tewkesbury to Bristol, from one William Martin, to furnish the bakers, which wheat was stopped by the rabble, and Martin had then failed ; recommending that he should be assisted to recover the debt, &c. Referred 7 Dec. 1693.

Minuted :—" My Lords will allow 200*l.* of this. When Mr Hendly

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comes here my Lords will allow ye whole, & speak with the C. of ye victrs of the manner of doing it.

Also "Mr Phillipp's case." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 7. "Royall Citadel of Plymouth." An estimate of the charges for building a gun wharf, powder tower, storehouses, and labourers' houses, near their Majesties' new dock in Hamoze." Signed by members of the Board of Ordnance. Dated 8 Dec. 1693. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 8. 8. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the goods imported in the ship "Johanna," *alias* "Fidelity," informing them that the goods were condemned and sold. Dated 8 Dec. 1693.

Three other papers relating thereto, one of which is a petition of William Cotton, master of the ship, stating that he was employed by their Majesties' authority to procure intelligence of the motion and preparation of their Majesties' enemies beyond the seas, and for that purpose having brought thence (the better to cover his design) some prohibited goods, they were seized and prosecuted to condemnation; praying to be paid their Majesties' two thirds, in part satisfaction of his loss, in obedience to their Majesties' commands. 4 *pages.*

[Dec. 12.] 9. Report of the Comrs of the Navy on the petition of some of the clerks of the Navy, whose salaries did not exceed 100*l. per ann.*, and who complained of the tax of 4*s.* in the pound on their salaries, and prayed for relief; transmitting a former report they had made on the same subject, dated 4 July 1693, in favour of the allowance. Dated 12 Dec. 1693.

Minuted:—"16 June '94. My Lds cannot doe it, ye mony being appropriated by Act of Parlt." 3 *pages.*

Dec. 12. 10. Report of the Navy Board to the Lords of the Treasury, in pursuance of their order of 6 December, referring the Order of Council of 30 Nov., made upon the petition of Capt. Christopher Billop, to their consideration; sending the copies of the letter of attorney and bond found in that office against Capt. Billopp as they would best inform their Lordships of the state of the matter. Dated 12 Dec. '93.

Also the papers which relate to the sale of some prize ships, taken in the last Dutch war.

The following memorandum is *on the dorse:*—"To speak to the Commrs. of Navy. The Commissioners of the Navy say that though Captain Billop contracted for the ships they were never delivered to him, and therefore he desires his bond up." 6 *pages* (*quarto*).

Dec. 13. 11. Report of Lord Coningsby and Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Martha Dillon, who sought to recover 150*l.*, the value of goods of which she was plundered at

1693. Dublin, by a serjeant and seven or eight men of Capt. St. Pier's troop of dragoons in October 1690. Dated 13 Dec. 1693.

Minuted:—" 10 Jan. 93–4. Mr Fox to pay ye petr 50li & ye rest to be stop'd when ye arrears of regimt come to be paid."

The petition and divers other papers relating thereto. 10 *pages.*

Dec. 13. 12. Memorial of the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., in nearly the same terms as that of 6 Dec. 1693, stating in addition, that the quarterers had refused to receive any more sick seamen into their houses, and though they had been placed upon them by the magistrates, yet the people peremptorily refused to give them meat or drink. Dated 13 Dec. 1693. 1 *page.*

[? About 13 Dec.] 13. Letter signed Michael Studholme, addressed to the Lord Godolphin, asking him to order 500*l.* upon account, for making the road between Kensington and Chelsea, which would cost 870*l.*, as by the estimate given.

Minuted:—" Referred to Sr Christopher Wren," and, " 13 Dec.'93, to be respited."

Accompanied by the " Estimate." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 14. 14. Order in Council for the vessel called the " Margaret," prize of 160 tons burthen, to be given to Thomas Dongan, Esq., who had disbursed the greatest part of his estate for the defence of New York against the French; and had been defeated of his brother's estate in Ireland (the Earl of Limerick), which had been granted to the Earl of Athlone. He prayed for the said vessel as he was determined to go and live upon a small estate he had in America. Dated 14 Dec. 1693. 1 *page.*

Dec. 18. 15. Report of Lord Ranelagh and Mr. Charles Fox, on the petition of Captain Henry Killegrew, late captain of the Prince of Hess's regiment of foot, offering no objection to the issuing to the petitioners 82*l.* 16*s.* 8½*d.*, and 25*l.* 5*s.* for arms delivered by him, if their Lordships thought fit to order the same. Dated 18 Dec. 1693.

Minuted:—" 26 Jany 93–4. The petitioner to have this sum when the regiment is cleared." 1 *page.*

Dec. 19. 16. Letter of attorney by Wm. Aglionby, Esq., envoy extraordinary to the Duke of Savoy, appointing Richard Powis, gent., to act for him at the receipt of the Exchequer. Dated 19 Dec. 1693. 1 *page.*

Dec. 21. 17. Report of Sir Christopher Wren, Surveyor-General of Works, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Cock, one of the plumbers to the New River Company, praying for the amount of his bill for plumber's work at St. James's Palace, in mending the pipes laid by the Company; in favour of his being paid 22*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* Dated 21 Dec. 1693. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 22. 18. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith on the petition of Edward Aneley and John Blackbourne, who had been instrumental in convicting one

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Thomas Darby an attorney in Yorkshire, for uttering many very seditious and scandalous words against their Majesties and their Government, and who then prayed that the fine of 80*l.* might be given to them; advising that it would be an act of great justice and compassion to comply with their prayer. Dated 22 Dec. 1693.

Minuted:—"2 Jan. '93. The mony to bee brought into the Exchequer & the King's charges to bee repaid & the petitioners to have the remainder." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. Papers entitled particulars of hay and oats for the descent in the years 1692 and 1693, also cask and stabling, charges of management, incidents, &c. Several endorsed, "28th of December 1693. Recd & sworn to." The hay and oats were supplied at London, Harwich, and Portsmouth, the prices, &c. being given.

[The descent was upon France. *See* Letter Book, Vol. VIII. p. 123.] 6 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

[? About 1692 or 1693.] 20. Various respites prayed to be taken off by Brigadier Leveson, Col. Steinbock, and others. Undated, but the services were in 1690 and 1691. 1½ *pages.*

[? 1693.] 21. Memorial of John, Earl of Bath, Governor of Plymouth, addressed to the King, praying for payment of the arrears to certain additional officers, &c. of that garrison, and that in future they might be placed on the establishment.

The order and an account relating thereto are not now annexed, as stated in the memorial.

The account referred to was stated to the last of Dec. '92. 1 *page.*

1693. 22. Petition of Daniel Richardson, of London, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying the payment of a bill of exchange, drawn by Col. Kendall, late Governor of Barbadoes, on the Treasurer of the Navy, and by some accident left out of their Lordships' order, "for the payment of those bills drawn upon the expedition against the French in the West Indies."

Also the said bill dated 13 Jul. 1693. 2 *half pages.*

[? 1693.] 23. List of ships (331 in all) taken up by the Comrs of Transportation, by the month, to serve in the intended descent in the year 1693, with the freight yet due to each ship. [The descent on France.] 7 *pages.*

1693. 24. Massachusetts Bay in New England, 1693. An Act for coasting vessels within the province, respecting customs, &c Enacted by the Governor, Council and representatives, convened in General Assembly, allowing articles to be carried from port to port in the plantations without entry. 2¼ *pages.*

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1693. 25. Abstracts of grants, warrants, &c. There should be a separate paper for each month of the year 1693; but the months of March, September, November, and December are wanting.
Endorsed:—"Docquets at the Privy Seale." 37 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

1693. 26. "Lancaster, Westmoreland Cumberland, } An abstract of His Majesty's land revenue in the counties of Lancaster, Westmoreland, and Cumberland, not given in charge to Mr. Wm. Heyhurst, the late receiver; ann. 1693." 1 *large page* (*much decayed*).

[1693.] 27. Petition of Captain Owen Ferris and Captain Jeremy Huolahan to the Queen, showing that they were the first who quitted the Irish army, and were established at half pay, that they were in the late action at Terlemont, and lost their clothes and accoutrements. Praying for their half-pay, being 18 months in arrear.
Also three certificates relating thereto, dated Aug. 1693. 4 *pages.*

[About 1693.] 28. Petition of John Thompson to the Lords of the Treasury, to be made a commissioner for managing the duty on paper and parchment. Undated; but there was an Act granting duties on vellum, parchment, and paper in the year 1693. ½ *page* (*quarto*).

[About 1693.] 29. County of Cumberland. } A brief state of the account of Mr. Richard Rivington, late receiver, and his executors, of all the receipts and payments issuing out of the Lord Preston's estate in the said county. The estate was found forfeited by an inquisition taken 29 Dec. 1690. Undated, but mention is made of arrears due at Lady Day 1693. 1 *page.*

[?1693.] 30. Memorial of Sir Thomas Cooke to the Lords of the Treasury, as to certain pepper imported into the port of London, by the East India Company, and bought by him from that Company, and thereupon shipped for exportation; praying for an alteration to be allowed in the debentures relating thereto.
Without date, but after Oct. 1693. 1 *page.*

[?1693 or 1694.] 31. Petition of Charles King, of the city of Dublin, formerly a captain in the Enniskillen regiment, some time commanded by Col. Lloyd, and after by the Earl of Orkney, addressed to the Queen; setting forth his various services in the Protestant cause in Ireland; he states that he left Dublin in disguise in May 1689, and with great danger and difficulty joined the Protestants at Enniskillen, entered as a volunteer, was afterwards ensign, and then lieutenant, and was personally engaged in most of the skirmishes and battles in that kingdom; that in the year 1689, when the Lord Mountcashell was wounded and taken prisoner, Col. Woolseley, then commander of the Enniskillen forces, commanded him to go to Dublin for physicians and surgeons for the said Lord, and to

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procure what intelligence he could of the designs of the Papists at Dublin, and on his return he gave such an account of the posture of the enemy's affairs, and forces, and conditions at Dublin, as was very satisfactory to Col. Woolseley, and useful to Duke Schomberg, to whom he communicated the same; also that the regiment in which he bought a company, was "broke." Praying that he might have an allowance of half pay.

Without date, but after 1692. 1 *page.*

[About 1693 or 1694.] 32. Petition of John Kynvin, gent., addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that he might be nominated for managing the duty on parchment, paper, &c. on account of his knowledge of the method of collecting the same in Spain, and his having assisted Mr. James Isaackson, who drew up the proposals for the same which were laid before Parliament.

Another paper relating thereto.

Undated. A duty on paper was granted in the year 1693.

On the dorse is:—"Mr. Kynvin to be Secretary or Register [Registrar] in ye paper duty." 2 *pages.*

[About 1693 or 1694.] 33. Petition of the soldiers belonging to Col. Russell's regiment of horse in Ireland, praying their Lordships to order their pay, as they had been forced out of the regiments whither they had been dispersed, for want of their horses, which had been lost in their Majesties' service in Ireland and Flanders.

Undated, but see another paper, dated 13 Oct. 1693 (Vol. XXIV. No. 42).

Minuted:—"To give my Lords the names of the generall officers who turned them out of their regiments into which they were put after they were broke." 1 *page.*

[?1693.] 34. Petition of John Earl of Clare, Henry Viscount Longeirle, Anthony Viscount Falkland, Doctor John Radcliffe, Richard Gee, George Dodington, Esqrs., and other partners of the ship "Lyon." addressed to the King, setting forth that they, at the instance of Mr. Thomas Hewetson, in 1688, raised 32,000*l.*, and a further sum of 4,800*l.*, and bought four ships; viz., the "Albemarle," "Palermatan," "Lyon," and "Hunter," fitted out the same for three years and freighted them at a cost of 9,445*l.* for a trading voyage to the south seas, in search of a wreck in those parts; all which ships, with 5,100*l.* to defray expenses, were put under the management of Hewetson, who proceeded on the voyage in Sept. 1688; but by his ill conduct, &c. the design was overthrown. The "Hunter" was blown up in the road of Barbadoes. The ship "Albemarle" left Hewetson on the coast of Brazil, and went to Montserrat, and from thence to England, with sugar, &c. and was there sold to pay the officers and men, The "Palermatan," re-fitted at Barbadoes, was employed in their Majesties' service, and the money allowed for her was paid to Hewetson's agents; and when she came to England the money made by her sale was paid to the officers and men employed in three of the ships. The petitioners sent out another ship to the south seas, with stores, at the request of Hewetson, at the cost of 6,070*l.*; but not meeting him, she took in sugars at

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Barbadoes, and in her passage to England took a prize, which yielded about 2,500*l.*, which was all paid to the officers and men, whereby they lost 5,220*l.* Hewetson instead of going to the places appointed remained in the West Indies and employed the ship in several profitable voyages, between Jamaica and the Spanish Indies, and never gave any account of the profits. The ship "Lion" freighted with sugar from Jamaica, was needlessly taken to New York and Lisbon, and in May 1692 she arrived at Falmouth, where the petitioners seized her, &c. but many of the goods had been embezzled by Hewetson. The petitioners finding Hewetson endeavoured to get the money due for the freight into his hand, preferred a bill in Chancery against him and all the merchants concerned; and the freight was directed to be paid into Court. The petitioners had paid nearly 700*l.* to seamen turned over from the royal ships in the West Indies into the "Lion;" yet actions on account of wages had been brought in the Court of Admiralty against the ship, for above 10,000*l.*, whereby she was condemned, &c. The petitioners and partners had raised 42,020*l.*, of which Hewetson had in cargo and money 14,545*l.*, and had given no account of his other transactions, and they had lost by him 42,020*l.* besides the 700*l.* paid to the seamen, and yet more was demanded of them. The petitioners were informed that Hewetson was endeavouring to obtain the money to be allowed by the King, for seven months' service of the said ship "Lion." They prayed that the money might be divided amongst them.

Without date; but by comparison with other papers, under date 23 Sept. 1696, concluded to be 1693. 3 *pages.*

[? 1693 or 1694.] 35. Memorial of John Thompson, solicitor for the taxes within the city of London, county of Middlesex, and city and liberties of Westminster, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had not troubled their Lordships for his salary during the Session of Parliament, nor since, whilst they were busy settling the new revenues, &c., and had not made application for any salary since Midsummer 1693; begging they would order what they thought convenient. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? 1993 or 1694.] 36. A paper endorsed "Reasons for y^e^ cofferer to have fees allowed for the expenses abroad." Signed "Bradford." The fees claimed were whilst the King's household was in Flanders, "during the last campaign." 1 *page.*

[? 1692 or 1693.] 37. Petition of Robert Wolseley, Esq., the King's late envoy extraordinary at the Court of Brussels, praying the King to give directions to the Government of Ireland to examine into the accompanying list of forfeited estates there; and set out so much as would amount to 600*l. per ann.*, and grant them to him (the petitioner).

Accompanied by the list.

Undated, but the petitioner occurs in the *Letter Book, Vol. II.*, p. 272, as envoy extraordinary to the Elector of Bavaria, Governor of Flanders in 1691. 4 *pages.*

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[? About 1693 or 1694.] 38. Petition of Walter Butler, showing that he was importuned by divers Irish officers, who came off at the capitulation of Limerick (3 Oct. 1691), to solicit their Majesties in their behalf, for a competency to keep them from starving; and, in consideration thereof, promised him under their hand 2*s.* 6*d.* in the pound of what should be allowed by their Majesties, further showing that one Mr. Courtney had given information against several of the officers, to make room for himself and his adherents; praying their Lordships to order the number of 20 officers, (whether they be those who contracted with the petitioner, or those who informed against them,) to pay him 2*s.* 6*d.* in the pound out of their Majesties' bounty, in consideration of his pains in obtaining the same.

Without date, but after the capitulation of Limerick, and *their* Majesties mentioned. 1 *page.*

[? 1693 or 1694.] 39. Petition of John Crewys, Esq., receiver of the county of Devon, to the Lords of their Majesties' Treasury, stating that he was receiver of the Poll Act, and praying to be receiver of "this next pounde tax."

Minuted:—"Recommended by Mr. Foot, a member of Parl^t." 6 *lines.*

[? 1693 or 1694.] 40. "A list of the persons [57 in number], that stand outlawed for high treason, with the countyes & places where severall of them have effects in England."

Minuted:—"Mr. Smith must proceed in the process, ag^st all those whom * is informed to have any estates."

Undated; but probably 1693 or 1694, for Mr. Aaron Smith had to render account of the persons outlawed and convicted. *See Letter Book,* Vol. VIII. p. 275, 20 July 1694. 1½ *pages.*

[? About 1693 or 1694.] 41. A representation by the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of their Majesties' Treasury, praying a warrant to allow the tax of 12*d.* in the pound, to the inferior officers having less than 100*l. per ann.* Undated, but most of the Com^rs names agree with those in the list in "*Chamberlayne's Present State of England,*" for 1694. 1 *page.*

[? 1693 or perhaps later.] 42. Copy of a power of attorney given by Bernard Granville, of St. Martins-in-the-Fields, in the county of Middlesex, Esq., to Sir John Chardin, of Leicester Fields, in the same county, Knt., to receive the annual rent of 300*l.* due for Mote Park, adjoining the great park at Windsor, and to detain for his own use 100*l. per ann.* out of the same. Entered in the office of the Clerk of the Pells, 23 Feb. 1692. 1 *large page.*

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Jan. 3. 1. Petition of Robert Thompson, one of the grooms of the Privy Chamber, to the King; praying for an assignment of so much of the fee farm rents as would pay him 800*l.*, being the remainder of a registered order, which he had on the fee farm rents, for 1,046*l.* 14*s.* due to him.

Docquetted :—"Brought in by the King, 3rd Jan^{y} '93–4." 1 *page.*

Jan. 5. 2. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the several sums paid to the King's Remembrancer in the Exchequer, amounting to 424*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*; viz., 45*l.* 12*s.* for fees to himself for passing the customers' accounts; 340*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* for the blank books for the patent officers in the out ports; and 37*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* for the blank books for the Surveyor-General, in the port of London; finding that these sums had been annually paid, and referring their Lordships for the usefulness of the books to a report of 14 July 1686. Dated 5 Jan. 1693–4.

Accompanied by a copy of the report referred to. 3½ *pages.*

Jan. 5. 3. Report of the Com^{rs} of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they were under some difficulty, by the late Act for encouraging privateers, in complying with their Lordships' desire, in relation to the payment of the money for ships sold at public sale, and as to the disposal of the "St. Margaret" privateer, of St. Malo; laying before their Lordships the states of the following ships, viz., the "St. Margaret," "La Fidele" (formerly called the "Talbot," ketch), and the "Jolly," privateer, all lying at Plymouth. Dated 5 Jan. 1693–4. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 5. 4. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had laid before their Lordships, a schedule of the bonds for impost on tobacco, due Mich. 1693, framed by Mr. Wicks, receiver of the plantation duties; by which it appeared that 32,000*l.* were due on those bonds, &c. and in consequence of the confusion in the accounts of Mr. Wicks, they had directed the Controller General to give him a full charge from the beginning of his account in 1685, and to require him to discharge himself as he could. On the balance he remained debtor for bonds on the 14th of Nov. 1693, to the value of 30,075*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*; they describe their perplexities about his accounts, and that to prevent further enlargement they had dispensed with his attendance at the Custom House, on his receipt of the plantation duties, and state other measures they had taken thereon. Dated 5 Jan. 1693.

Accompanied by a balance sheet of the said Mr. Wicks. 2 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Jan. 5. 5. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a paper annexed, entitled "Proposals humbly offered to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} of their Maj^{ts} Treasury, for encreasing their Maj^{tys} revenue, arising out of the duties and new imposts upon tobacco, with advantage to that trade, and an encouragem^{t} to the

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plantacions, with the consent of the merchants for y^e^ continuation of y^e^ new impost, w^ch^ they have petitioned the Parliam^t^ to take off, that expires 1696, and to the abatem^t^ of debenturs."

Accompanied by the paper,—

Docquetted:—"The paper of proposalls for y^e^ destruction of stalks and damaged tobacco." The report disapproves of the proposals, and states it would not be desirable to discourage the exportation of tobacco to foreign parts, for many weighty reasons; and further states that they had no particular instances of the frauds charged on the officers of the customs. Dated 5 Jan. 1693.

Also another copy of the proposals, with answers to the same. 8 *pages.*

Jan. 9. 6. Memorial of the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth as they had done in a previous memorial, the miserable condition of the poor people, to whom the service was indebted at Rochester, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Dartmouth, Deal, &c.; praying them to order a supply. Dated 9 Jan. 1693-4. 1 *page.*

[About Jan. 11.] 7. Petition of Ann Goulding, widow of Captain John Goulding, who was killed at sea, in the service of King Charles the Second; stating that at the time her husband was killed, he had taken two men-of-war prize, after a sharp engagement; praying for payment of an arrear of 200*l.* due on her pension of 120*l. per ann.*, or for tallies on the customs or excise.

Minuted:—"11^th^ Jan^y^ '93. Shee is upon the list." 1 *page.*

Jan. 12. 8. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Sandiforth, Thos. Cash, and others, inhabitants of Manchester and Stockport, for payment of 186*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* due from several officers, &c. of the regiment, lately commanded by Col. Byerly and then by Col. Wyndham; in favour of the petitioners. Dated 12 Jan. 1693–4.

Minuted:—"A letter to Mr. Fox to pay this 186*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*, or so much thereof as the Collonell shall not make proofe to bee already paid." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 14. 9. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir John Wynne and others, and on their Lordships' warrant, for a lease of the nine shops desired by the petitioners to have been passed to John Matthias and Mary his wife, for 31 years; stating that the petitioners in behalf of the county of Denbigh desired a lease of the premises for 61 years, as there was a necessity to rebuild their justice hall at Wrexham, under which these shops were situate; advising that it should be granted, and that they should be obliged, at the new building the hall, to reedify the shops and that the same rent of 4*l.* should be reserved. Dated 14 Jan. 1693.

Minuted:—"29 Oct. 1694. Agreed to ye report."

Also the petition. 1¾ *pages.*

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Jan. 15. 10. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Smith, merchant, praying to be discharged from imprisonment; suggesting that he should be released from prison, but not from the King's debt, by a *supersedeas*, in accordance with the report of Mr. Hutchinson, their solicitor. Dated 15 Jan. 1693–4.
Minuted:—"27 Feb. '93–4. Referr'd to Mr. Attorney-Gen^ll."
Also the petition and report referred to, and another paper on the same subject. 4 *pages or parts of pages.*

Jan. 20. 11. Report of agents for taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Gore, gent., receiver-general of the quarterly poll for the co. of Northampton, in favour of allowing him 40*l.* for his extraordinary charges. Dated 20 Jan. 1693.
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 20. 12. Similar report of the aame agents, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Child, gent., receiver-general of the 2nd poll, the 1st and 2nd 13 months' aid, and quarterly poll for the county of Wilts; recommending the allowance to him of 140*l.* Dated 20 Jan. 1693.
Minuted:—"24 July '94. Agreed."
Also the petition, and the account of his expenses. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 22. 13. Order in Council, referring the petition of Major David Bourke to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 22 Jan. 1693.
The petition prays that a report on behalf of the petitioner and eight officers, a serjeant, and a drummer, then before their Lordships, might be expedited, and that he might receive the assignment mentioned in the report, being 100*l.*, which he had disbursed in the King's service.
Minuted:—"22^th June '94. Nothing can be done in it." 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 23. 14. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Com^rs of Revenue as to the condition and value of a prize ship brought into Kinsale by the "Dovor" frigate; further putting them in mind of the condition of the revenue, which would not defray the charge of the Government, and so they could not purchase the ship as commanded, &c. Dated 23 Jan. 1693–4.
Also the report, and "An inventory of the ship 'Beaulieu' of St. Malos, a French privateer, taken by the 'Dover' frigot," &c. 6 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 15. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Hollidge, of Bristol, merchant; advising the remission of a surcharge of 20s. a ton on certain calamint (*lapis calaminaris*) which he (as they thought) in all probability bought, exported, and sold according to the old custom, and not the new impositions. Dated 23 Jan. 1693–4.
Minuted:—"It is appropriated to the loanes of mony."

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The petition, a certificate of the collector of Bristol, an opinion of the Attorney-General, and a duplicate of part of the same. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[? About Jan. 23.] 16. Petition of Greenvile Collins, captain of the King's yacht, the "Mary," addressed to the King, praying for the grant of a lease of the manor of Reigate, in Surrey, for 99 years.

Minuted:—"23 Jan^{y} '93–4. My Lords do not think it for His Mat^{ies} service to grant a lease of this manor." [See another similar petition from him (undated), Vol. I., No. 36, which should probably have been placed under this year.] ½ *page* (*quarto*).

[? About Jan. 23.] 17. Petition of Capt. James St. Pierre, of the Royal regiment of Dragoons, commanded by the Hon. Col. Edw. Mathews, praying that a stop might be put on the payment of 50*l.* to Mrs. Martha Dilling, out of arrears due to the petitioner's troop, until he had been heard by their Lordships.

Minuted:—"23 Jan. '93. To be heard, & a letter to Mr. Fox not to pay the 50*l.* till further order."

Also a further petition of the same captain. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

Jan. 25. 18. Report of W. Lowndes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Duppa, and on the report made by Mr. Knight certifying that the executors of Dr. Lamplugh, late Bishop of Exeter, and Sir Thomas Duppa (who was his sub-collector of the tenths of that diocese) were indebted to His Majesty 655*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* for the tenths; that Sir Thomas employed one Mr. Francis Blight as his agent, who, with John Blight of Bodmin, were bound to Sir Thomas in 2,000*l.* to render true account of what was received, and Francis Blight was also bound in 500*l.* for the same purpose; further that he failed having 439*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* of the tenths in his hands. Stating the remedies proposed to supply the deficiency. Dated 25 Jan. 1693.

Minuted:—"Agree with this report."

The petition, report, and three other papers relating thereto. 5 *pages and* 2 *parts of pages.*

Jan. 26. 19. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the seizure of French goods lately made by Mr. Kirby at Rottendean, in Sussex; and on their value, about which there was an information exhibited in the Court of Exchequer for recovery of the goods, which were appraised at 3,322*l.* 16*s.* 9½*d.*; further, laying before their Lordships the account of certain seizures made by custom-house officers, not yet paid into the Pell Office at the Exchequer. Dated 26 Jan. 1693–4.

The petition of Col. John Deane and Henry Pelham, Esq., in connexion with the above, and the appraisement and account to which reference is made, and a paper entitled "A state of the prosecutions at law of the seizures following, and how they now stand." Dated 26 Jan. 1693–4. 6 *pages.*

Jan. 26. 20. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the question whether it might be fit to review and make some alterations in the Book of Rates, in connexion with the renewal of

1693–4. the Act of Tonnage and Poundage, and as to what time such review and alterations would require; expressing the opinion that it was inconvenient at present to alter the rates, &c. but they had collected several clauses to be inserted in the Act then passing in Parliament, which would conduce much to the ease of the merchants. Dated 26 Jan. 1693–4.

Enclosing a paper, *headed*:—"Farther rules and instructions, by way of explanation and supply of such lawes as have been found either obscure or insufficient for preventing abuses and frauds in the exercise of trade and payment of their Maj^ts^ customes," &c. 6¼ *pages.*

Jan. 26. 21. Report of Sir Richard Levinge to the Lords Justices and General Governors of Ireland, on the petition of William Palmer, of the city of Dublin, gent., as to an estate, consisting of houses in Athlone and lands in the counties of Roscommon and Westmeath, demolished or wasted by the late war; and as to the title of George Devinish to the same, who was outlawed for treason, and indebted to the petitioner. Dated 26 Jan. 1693. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 30. 22. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Bristol, praying permission to bring in 5,000 bushels of wheat from Ireland, for the relief of the poor, without duty; stating that if the price was between 53*s.* 4*d.* and 4*l.* a quarter, it was subject to a duty of 8*s.* a quarter by the act of tillage, and the amount involved would be 250*l.*; leaving it to their Lordships to decide if it could be done. Dated 31 Jan. 1693–4.

Minuted:—"It cannot be granted, because the customs are appropriated to the money lent on them." 1 *page.*

Jan. 31. 23. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Stancomb of Bristol, grocer, who was engaged with another in sending tobacco to Ireland, which was seized and sold, by the loss of which he could not pay his bonds for customs; advising that they should take what he was able to pay. Dated 31 Jan. 1693–4.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The petition, a report of the collector of customs, and a schedule of the bonds. 3½ *pages.*

Feb. 1. 24. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Tokefeild, stating that they had considered the same, and were of opinion that the loss of the 20*l.* mentioned in the petition, as paid to Charles Deering, Esq., was a great hardship; and that an arrear of 14*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* might be allowed to the petitioner. Dated 1 Feb. 1693–4.

Minuted:—"Agreed to."

The petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 1. 25. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending the continuance of Mr. Wm. Hall as deputy housekeeper of the excise office, at 50*l.* a year. Dated 1 Feb. 1693–4.

Minuted:—"Ult. Feb. '93–4. Granted." 1 *page.*

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Feb. 3. 26. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Joseph Jordan, one of the King's patent waiters in the port of London; praying that Mr. Edw. Buck might be appointed in his place, stating that they had nothing to object thereto. Dated 3 Feb. 1693–4.

Minuted:—" Granted."

Also the petition. *Parts of 2 pages.*

Feb. 3. 27. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a paper of queries relating to the new impositions on tobacco. There were eight queries, to each of which a separate return is made. Dated 3 Feb. 1693.

Minuted:—" To be read again at a full board."

Copy of the Virginia merchants' reasons against giving $\frac{3}{6}$ months bonds for the duty on tobacco, addressed to the Com^rs of Customs. 10 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 5. 28. Report of Mr. Brook Bridges to the Lords of the Treasury, on the paper annexed, relating to the accounts of the late Com^rs for disbanding the army, raised in the year 1677; recommending their Lordships by a warrant to the Treasurer's Remembrancer and Clerk of the Pipe, to direct a stop of further proceedings on any process which might have issued against any persons mentioned at the foot of Sir Thos. Players' account. Dated 5 Feb. 1693.

Minuted:—" The warrant to bee prepared & a copy of all these imprests to bee sent to the Lords." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 5. 29. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles Tyrrell, of Hanslop, Esq., who desired to transfer his appointment as King's waiter, in the port of London, to his near relation Mr. James Tyrrell; stating they had nothing to object. Dated 5 Feb. 1693–4.

Minuted:—" Granted."

Accompanied by the petition, and a medical certificate as to the health of the petitioner. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[? About Feb. 5.] 30. Report of the agents for bringing in taxes, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Whitebread, Esq., receiver general of the 1st aid of 4*s.* in the pound, for the county of Bedford; recommending the allowance to him of 72*l.* for his extraordinary charges. Referred 5 Feb. 1693.

The petition and a bill of his disbursements. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 6. 31. Copy of a report of the Principal Com^rs for Prizes, on the petition of Mr. Thomas Pottinger, certifying that they had appointed him on 8 Aug. 1691, as agent for prizes at Belfast without salary, but to be rewarded as he should deserve, as was customary with other agents. By his diligence he had returned 5,929*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*, which he discovered had been formerly embezzled by captains and others out of prizes. As nothing could at present be recovered from the captains they (the Com^rs) could not reward him and had only paid

1693–4. him 30*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* for his charges; but as soon as they obtained anything by the prosecution they were carrying on, they would recommend him to their Lordships for a gratification. Dated 6 Feb. 1693–4.

An account of the particulars and sums making up the 5,929*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* above named, the copy of the petition and four other documents relating thereto. 6 *pages.*

[About 6 Feb.] 32. Petition of William Jones, apothecary, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth that notwithstanding the grant of the office of apothecary to him, yet one Mr. Soames was admitted contrary to all rules of equity; praying their Lordships to inspect the letters patent and stop the payment of the fees to Mr. Soames.

Minuted:—"6th Feb. '93–4. Referred to Mr. Lowndes to examine the patent." 1 *page.*

Feb. 7. 33. A letter without address of Viscount Gallway, written at the earnest entreaty of the Burgomasters and Senate of Zurich, to recommend the interests of Madame d'Oberkan; stating that they had besought the King to order payment of what was due to her husband, and begged the writer to forward the letter; he had received much honour from them, and had found the principles of that canton well intentioned for the King's service. The name of her husband was still venerated there, and his daughter was allied to a family quite in the King's service. [*French.*] Dated at Zurich, 7–17 Feb., '93–94.

[See her claim for payment of 438*l.* under 10 Jan. 1692–3.]

Holograph. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 7. [34. Letter of the Consul and Senate of the city of Zurich to King William the Third, in favour of Elizabeth "de Saint Delys ab Harcourt," widow of Col. Oberkan, who left France early in 1690 and hastened to the King in Belgium, and having reached Piedmont by great journeys, supported the royal arms as a leader and adviser until he died; recommending the widow for the royal bounty, on account of her losses. Dated 7 Feb. 1694. [*Latin.*] 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 8. 35. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a paper of queries, relating to the duty upon salt, finishing thus:—"If a great duty shall be layd on salt (such as two shillings per bushell), it is fitt there should be a draw back, for all that shall be exported or imployed in the curing or saving of the flesh or fish that shall be exported." Dated 8 Feb. 1693–4.

Also a separate paper with the queries. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 12. 36. Memorial of Sir Christopher Wren, as to certain fee-farm rents, praying their Lordships to direct Sir John Talbot to seal certain deeds forthwith; enclosing copy of "the tenth instruction from the Privy Seal to the trustees for sale of the fee-farme rents."

The memorial is dated 12 Feb. 1693–4. 2 *half pages.*

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Feb. 14. 37. Letter from the Lords of the Treasury to the Lords Justices of Ireland, sending a petition of James Roche, representing his miserable circumstances, and praying a grant of the estate of James Everard, in the county of Waterford, set at 37*l.* a year. Dated 14 Feb. 1693.

The petition is not now with it, but there is a schedule entitled "An account of the ferries humbly desired by James Roch." There are 20 separate ferries set down. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 15. 38. Letter of the Duke of Bolton to Mr. Guy, thanking their Lordships that they intend to issue a warrant for 600 trees and 200 loads of knees and standards, and wishing they could find them in the New Forest; the last that were felled were such small sticks that the King lost 50 *per cent.* by cutting them before they were fuller grown. If the King for his *profit* pleased to command to destroy the forest, he had nothing to object; but submitted to their Lordships the said destruction, to the King's *loss* and the spoil of the ships by sap timber; he doubted not but their Lordships' officer would contradict all this, as he had done all the Duke represented, and had the luck to be believed, and desired Sir Robert Smith and others might be joined in the commission, that such trees might be cut as were fit for the Navy. Dated 15 Feb. 1693. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Feb. 17. 39. A letter signed "Edeth Lutwyche," addressed to Sir Stephen Fox, one of the Lords of the Treasury, pressing their Lordships forthwith to take into their personal custody certain writings concerning the priests' and Jesuits' estates, which had been delivered to their honours a little before Christmas. Dated 17 Feb. 1693–4. 1 *page* (*decayed*).

Feb. 19. 40. "An account of what money is to bee paid this week on account of victualling." Dated 19 Feb. 1693–4. 1¼ *pages.*

[? About Feb. 19.] 41. "The case of Sir Clowdesly Shovell, as also severall of the captains," showing that in 1690 he commanded a squadron in the Irish Seas, and that Capt. Byng, commander of the "Dovor," and Capt. Fitzpatrick, commander of the "St. Albans," each took a French prize, bound to Dublin, on board of which were wines and brandies, which, according to the Act of Parliament, should be destroyed "if brought to England;" but being desired by General Schomberg and several other field officers in Ireland for the soldiers in winter quarters in and about Belfast, they were suffered to be carried into Belfast and paid the duties, a great part was given, and the remainder sold for the nutriment of the soldiers. Also Sir Cloudesly, with some of his officers and marines, at great hazard successfully brought out a ship from the port of Dublin, and gave the officers and mariners 300*l.* out of his own pocket, which had not been repaid to him. They pray for a pardon, as they were called to account by the Com^rs^ for Prizes.

Minuted:—"19^th^ Feb^y^ '93. To the Commissioners of the Prizes to certify how the matter of fact is." 1 *page.*

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Feb. 20. 42. Memorial of the officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, reminding them of the necessitous condition of the office, more especially as to the land service, they having received 107,076*l.* 4*s.* short of what the Parliament allowed them; praying to be informed from what fund they were to receive it, as the artificers would not proceed in their work, and they could not fit out the artillery train for the next campaign; representing the remoteness of the tallies assigned to the office, and the condition of the poor gun-makers; and further hoping their Lordships would not think of giving less than 8*s.* in every 4*l.* 5*s.* as their quota, under the sea service. Dated 20 Feb. 1693–4. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 20. 43. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting a complaint against Mr. Francklyn, surveyor of the port of Deal, for being angry with Mr. Waring, the late collector of Deal, for giving him an account of a Sweeds ship that was bound to France, laden with tar and other stores; stating that they had written to the chief boatman, who heard the conversation, to transmit his opinion concerning Francklyn, of his affection or disaffection to the present Government, &c., to which they had received, in answer, an affidavit entirely in his favour; thereupon they made their presentment for removing him from Deal to Milford, believing him innocent of that matter, yet not thinking fit to continue him at Deal for other things charged against him, but not so fully made out as to amount to his dismission; and further, it was agreeable to the methods of this Board, to remove officers from one port to another, upon strong suspicions of their too great familiarity with the merchants, or of undue practices, when there was not direct proof against them, thereby to break their measures and correspondences, without which any ill-practices could hardly be executed. Dated 20 Feb. 1693–4. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 20. 44. Report of the [officers] of the Transport Office to the Lords of the Treasury, upon the papers of the Baron de Luttichaw, who had petitioned for two ships of about 200 tons each, victualled and equipped, to carry 200 Protestant families from Germany to Ireland; he computed they would amount to 1,000 persons, besides their goods, and the ships must make two voyages for them to Hamburg and from thence to Ireland. It would require eight months; the ships would each need 40 men and 20 guns, and could not be hired under 200*l.* *per* month each, besides which their Majesties would be obliged to insure them against the enemy; for which considerations they advised that it was better to ship the families on board the fleets that come from Hamburg, for England, by 10, 20, or 30 persons on a ship, whom the masters would be glad to bring over at about 20*s.* a head, they finding their own provisions. Dated 20 Feb. 1693–4.

Accompanied by two petitions of the Baron, and another report on the same subject. Dated 20 Jan. 1693–4.

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In one of the petitions he says, he purposed bringing the families from Silesia in Germany, upon three proposals: 1st, that he might be furnished from the prize office with two transport ships; 2nd, that such goods and commodities as these 200 families should bring with them should be customs free; and 3rd, that he should have a grant to him and his heirs of forfeited lands in Ireland to the value of 700 li *per ann.*

In the other he prays to have the two ships which those families would have occasion for, after they were transported, to send to and from Norway for boards, timber, and other necessaries for building their houses and settling themselves. 4 *pages.*

Feb. 20. 45. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Brigadier Thomas Erle, and on a warrant for taking several cheques, and granting him other allowances for tents, arms, &c., burnt or redelivered into the stores in Ireland; stating that he did not find any regiment of the army under the like circumstances, unless it were Brigadier Hastings, who, as to certain cheques laid on them, upon their sudden removal from Scotland to Ireland, after the battle with Dundee's forces, had the same pretensions, and if the King should direct the payment of what was due to complete Brigadier Erle's sum, he would want 2,804*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*, &c. Dated 20 Feb. 1693–4.

Minuted:—"My Lords will give an assignment upon some funds when they are given." 1 *page.*

Feb. 26. 46. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland, addressed to His or Her Majesty, relative to the petition of Ann Eustace praying a discharge of four years' quit rent, payable out of lands referred to in the petition which had been referred to the late Lord Lieutenant, and from him to the Solicitor-General, transmitting his report. Dated 26 Feb. 1693–4.

Also the petition and other papers. 6 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Feb. 27. 47. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petitions of Francis Jones and others, touching the shares in a reward of 500*l.* to them for furnishing information which led to the conviction of Shadrack Cork, clerk, for forgery. Dated 27 Feb. 1693–4. 2¼ *pages.*

Feb. 27. 48. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nathaniel Carpenter, agent to Col. Tho. Hill, captain of an independent company in the Leeward Islands; praying that the pay of that company might be computed according to the establishment, notwithstanding the want of muster rolls; stating that if their Lordships thought fit to direct the payment he must pray His Majesty's warrant. Dated 27 Feb. 1693.

The petition and three certificates, in which it appears the troops were employed in the islands of St. Martin's, Antigua, and St. Christopher's. 4½ *pages.*

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[About 27 Feb.] 49. Petition of Richard Wayte and others to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had furnished accoutrements for Brigadier Villier's regiment of horse; praying to be paid in specie or tallies upon the fag-end of the land-tax.
Minuted:—"27 Feb. '93–4. Referred to my L. Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

Feb. 28. 50. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen and prisoners of war to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that the arrears amounted, on 31 Dec. 1693, to 35,552*l.* 9*s.* 7¾*d.*, for that department; praying them to order an establishment whereby they might give the poor people some encouragement to proceed in the service, which the approaching expedition urgently required. Dated 28 Feb. 1693–4.
A duplicate copy. [The date 1691 in the latter is an error of the scribe.] 2 *pages.*

[? Feb. 1693–4.] 51. Report of Brook Bridges, Esq., Auditor of their Majesties' imprests, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the draught of a warrant for a Privy Seal for passing the accounts of the Master of the Horse, stating that he saw no cause to object to it.
The report is endorsed on the draught, and is undated; but it was referred to him on 1 Feb. 1693–4. 6½ *pages* (*brief size*).

Feb. 52. Memorial of two of the officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of Master Maccarell, owner of two ships taken up to transport the train and stores from Belfast to Dublin in 1690. Dated Feb. 1693–4. 1 *page.*

[About Feb.] 53. "Copy of Tho. Meech, his remonstrance against diverse Scotch merchants and others trading to Virginia."
A paper so endorsed, consisting of copies of four papers relating to the trade carried on directly between Scotland and Ireland, and Virginia and Pensylvania, contrary to the Act of Parliament.
The last is dated 3 Feb. 1693–4. 5½ *pages.*

March 1. 54. Letter of the Com^rs of Customs for Ireland, addressed to the Right Hon. Francis Robartes and Thomas Keightley, Esq., respecting the settlement of the accounts of Mr. Boardman, viz., for the discharge of his arrears in connexion with the army bills; stating their belief, that if the Lords of the Treasury would write to the Lords Justices to give the necessary orders required by Her Majesty's letter, the matter would be settled to Mr. Boardman's satisfaction, &c. Dated 1 March 1693–4. 1 *page.*

March 1. 55. "Petition of y^e Judges of y^e northern & southern circuits in Wales, praying an augmentac̃on of their salaries."
"Referr'd to yo^r Lopp̃s by Order of Councill." Dated 1 March 1693.
Minuted:—"29th Oct. '94. To be laid before y^e King." 1 *page and* 2 *parts of pages.*

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March 2. 56. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Ann Savage, widow of Capt. Robt. Savage, late Provost Marshal in Ireland, praying payment of 106*l.* 6*s.*, due to her husband; objecting to the manner of the account. Dated 2 March 1693.

Minuted:—"10 Mar. '93–4. To speak wt Mr Fox. 26 June '94. To be considered when ye Irish arrears are cleer'd."

Also the petition and a certificate.

In the *Minute Book, Vol. VI.*, p. 145, is this entry, which may or may not be in relation to this claim:—"Mary Stedman 20li, Anne Savage 10li, but they are to have no more." 2¼ *pages.*

March 2. 57. Presentment by the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting advances made by the collectors of customs to the Vice-Admirals, for raising seafaring men for the fleet; praying directions might be given to the Comrs of the Navy to make out bills for the sums mentioned in the schedule annexed, to be paid to the Receiver-General of the Customs on the account of the respective collectors who had advanced those sums. Dated 2 March 1693–4.

Accompanied by the schedule. 4 *pages.*

March 3. 58. Report of the agents for bringing in taxes, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition and account of Wm. Greene, one of the receivers general of the last year's 4*s.* aid for the county of Stafford (Samuel Foden being the other), about some difference between the two receivers in their account. Dated 3 March 1693–4.

Minuted:—"The agents to be here on Tuesday next about ye receivership of Staffordshire."

Also the petition and account and another petition of William Greene. 5½ *pages.*

March 5. 59. Report of the victuallers of their Majesties' Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Christopher Godsalve and William Harman, pursers of their Majesties' ships "London" and "Hampton Court"; stating that they had intended to pay the bills of the petitioners in two weeks, if the office had been supplied with 20,000*l.* a week, as they desired; but they could spare no part of the 10,000*l.* a week, which was much too short of what was necessary for the present outset of the fleet. Dated 5 March 1693.

The petition and copies of three orders to the Treasurer to pay bills of exchange. 8 *parts of pages.*

March 6. 60. Letter signed Wm. Steuart, commencing "My Lords," stating that he brought a letter from their Lordships to the Lords Justices, directing them to give him two years pay on account of his arrears as brigadier; which he so relied on, that he made use of most of the four months' pay which he received at London for his officers; but the said [Lords Justices] positively told him they had not money to answer any part of their Lordships' directions; pressing

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for their speedy removal of his disappointment. Dated Dublin, 6 March 1693.

Minuted:—"Done." 2 *half pages* (*quarto*).

March 6. 61. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Gellott, the daughter of Col. Washington, lately deceased, who, he was informed, hazarded his life and exhausted his fortune in the service of King Charles I., as to the fine of 200 marks set upon Francis West, of which the petitioner prayed the grant; he had made a report when West had petitioned for a remission of the fine owing to his extreme poverty, which had reduced him to the common side of the prison, and the petitioner, Mrs. Gellott, then very much insisted on his extreme poverty, which he could not reconcile with her present petition. Dated 6 March 1693. 1 *page and* 2 *parts.*

March 6. 62. Report of the officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Romer, who was constituted an engineer in Ireland, at 20*s.* a day, to whom 271*l.* 9*s.* 1*d.* were due, for the fortifications at Cork, Longford, and Thurles, and 331*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* for his salary. Dated 6 March 1693–4.

Also his petition, certain accounts, and certificates connected therewith. 21 *pages and parts of pages.*

March 6. 63. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, docquetted "Lds. Justices concerning the custodium of lands to Mr. Tisdale, trustee for Mr. Savage." The custodium was sought to be obtained for seven years, out of several forfeited lands, mentioned in a schedule, and the letter was written to inform their Lordships of the proceedings of Mr. Savage, prothonotary and clerk of the Crown, who had derived large sums from fees on outlawries, and had been endeavouring to get a further recompence out of the forfeited estates. Dated Dublin Castle, 6 March 1693–4.

A report of the Commissioners of Inspection on the same subject.

Also copy of a report of the Lords Justices, dated 25 July 1694, respecting a custodium to Mr. James Tisdale of the lands in a schedule annexed. 11 *pages.*

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March 8. 1. An order from the Lords of the Council to the Lords of the Treasury, for the payment of 200*l.* to Edward Lloyd or his assigns, to be distributed among the clerks of the Council for their pains in writing minutes of letters and orders to the Lords Lieutenants, &c. Dated 8 March 1693–4.

Minuted:—"26 June '94. Agreed to be paid when my L^{ds} have mony for this service." ¾ *page.*

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March 8. 2. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Hodgson, Robert Lawson of Lancaster, merchants, and Henry Inman of Cockermouth, merchant, debtors to the Crown for customs, and creditors also to the Crown for the transport service; praying that the remaining debt might be allowed in part of what was due for transport service, or a stop put to proceedings against them; advising that there seemed great equity in forbearing to prosecute the bonds. Dated 8 March 1693–4.

Minuted:—" My Lords cannot stop processe because the duties of impost are appropriated."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

[About March 8.] 3. Memorial of William Graham to the Lords of the Treasury complaining that he had advanced money in specie near two years ago, for the service of the regiments of Scots foot guards (Sir Charles Graham's and Col. Makay's); praying payment at least of some part in money or tallies, as he had advanced for these and and other regiments above 15,000*l.*

Minuted:—" 8 Mar. '93–4. Referred to my L. Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

March 9. 4. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Thody, late collector of hearth-money, as to the settlement of his accounts, he having been collector of the hearth-money in the counties of Northampton, Hertford, Chester, and the city of Bristol. They state, amongst other things, that he was unjustly imprisoned by Sir Ralph Ratcliffe and others, &c. Dated 9 March 1693–4.

Minuted:—" Agreed to."

The petition and a schedule. 4 *pages.*

March 9. 5. A letter signed " Hum. Wyrley," without address, docquetted thus:—" M^r Wyrley's letter concerning the difference about the place of meeting for the Commissioners of Staffordshire;" also referring to a complaint made against the writer and Captain Lane, of obstructing the levy of the tax in the south part of the hundred of Offlow, in the county of Stafford. Dated 9 March 1693–4. 2 *pages.*

March 12. 6. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Joseph Craigg, (wherein is set forth that the petitioner held a tenement for 18 years to come, by a lease of King Charles I. to Thomas Carey for 41 years, in reversion of a grant for 60 years, made by King James I. to Simon Bassile, Esq., surveyor of His then Majesty's works), respecting a tenement on the north-western corner of Scotland Yard and a parcel of ground on the east of that tenement, parcel of the palace of Whitehall, and belonging to the manor of Westminster, tracing the assignments of the property, and stating that in the assignment from Jackson to Leeson was expressed that the premises transferred consisted of two tenements, the ground employed for a garden lying behind them, a tenement formerly in the possession of Sir Joseph Williamson, and another enjoyed by Thomas

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Williams, which last was a small alehouse, called the "Hole-in-the-Wall;" expressing the opinion that the clerk of the works had encroached on the property, &c. and that all which was granted to Bassile and Carey had passed in the grant to John Hall, Esq., of the manor of Westminster, so that the petitioner could not have the reversion granted to him as desired; but the piece of ground on which the last two houses were built, and the garden, might be passed to him; the ground might be valued to him at 35*l. per ann.*, which is about 7*s.* 6*d.* per foot, the ground being 94 feet in length, and a building lease could not be valued above 500*l.* fine; but if for 99 years it might be worth 600*l.*, reserving a rent of 20*s. per ann.*, &c. Dated 12 March 1693–4.

The petition. Also another paper commencing, "The case of the petitioner Joseph Craig is briefly this." 5 *pages.*

March 13. 7. Report signed "Phil. Ryley," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on a representation from the Marquis of Winchester, master keeper of Burleigh Lodge and Walk, in the New Forest, as to the amount of repairs needed by the lodge. Dated 13 March 1693–4.

The "representation" and a detailed estimate of the expense of the repairs.

Minuted:—"Respited till ye comission is executed." 3 *pages.*

March 14. 8. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to order an establishment, as formerly, of 2,000*l.* per month for the year 1694, or they should not be able to quarter a man at any of the ports when set on shore. Dated 14 March 1693–4. 1 *page.*

March 16. 9. A warrant of the Earl of Dorset to the Earl of Montague, Master of the Great Wardrobe, to deliver to Benjamin Fletcher, Esq., Governor of New York, a Bible, two large common Prayer Books, and 12 smaller common Prayer Books, two cushions for the reading desk, a cushion and cloth for the pulpit, a carpet for the altar, all of crimson damask with silver fringe, two linen cloths for the altar, and two surplices of fine holland, for the use of their Majesties' chapel there. Dated 16 March 1693–4.

It is countersigned by the Lords of the Treasury. 1 *page.*

March 16. 10. Report of Sir Edward Ward, Attorney-General, made to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Thomas Domvile, and on the report of Sir Richard Levinge, Solicitor-General in Ireland, and on divers other papers, as to a grant from their Majesties of the manor, castle, town, and lands of Templeoge, *alias* Tameloge, and divers houses and ground in the county and city of Dublin, forfeited by James Talbot for treason, which lands had been mortgaged by the same Talbot to Sir William Domvile, Sir Paul Rycaut, and the petitioner. Dated 16 March 1693–4.

United are the papers referred to, including the petition and report, and "A list of the severall houses in the city and suburbs of the city of Dublin, conveyed to Sir Thos. Domvile in the year 1686," &c. 21 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

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March 16. 11. Report of the principal officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the owners of the ship "William and Mary," George Cook, commander, taken up to carry provisions to Barbadoes, and then compelled to go to North America with soldiers and provisions. Praying for the wages of the seamen, &c.; transferring the onus of reporting on the same to the Com^rs for Transportation. Dated 16 March '93.

Minuted:—"To bee considered after the point of the bills from Barbados is setled with the Comissioners of the Navy."

Also the petition and two certificates. 4 *pages.*

March 17. 12. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging the receipt of their Lordships' letter and the Earl of Inchiquin's petition for the grant of 200 tons of timber to rebuild his house, adjoining the city of Cork; the timber to be taken out of the Earl of Clancarthy's woods forfeited near the city of Cork; in favour of gratifying the petitioner. Dated 17 March 1693–4.

Minuted:—"Granted according to the L^ds Justices letter."

Accompanied by the letter, the petition, the report of the Commissioners for Forfeitures and a letter of Capt. John Naish, one of the purveyors of timber for the Navy. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 17. 13. Memorial of Lord Fairfax as to the pay of his regiment (very brief). Dated 17 March 1693–4.

Minuted:—"19 March '93–4. To be provided for as the other regiments are." ½ *page* (*quarto*).

March 17. 14. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mary Scrope, widow, concerning a parcel of goods seized by one John Ford, an officer of the customs, who, upon inquiry made of him, stated that from certain marks on them he believed they were goods of the late Queen Mary [Queen of James II.], and he kept possession of them by command of the Secretary of State. Dated 17 March 1693–4.

Minuted:—"The petitioner must carry this to the Secretary of State," and "To bee kept till Mr. Smith & the officer of the customes bring the inventory of these goods."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

[About March 19.] 15. Petition of Capt. Philip Griffin to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he found himself checked 44*l.* 10*s.* for his personal pay as quartermaster at Dundalk camp, notwithstanding he was upon the spot till the army decamped, and afterwards was ordered to England for recruits by the Duke of Schomberg, as by the certificate annexed; praying a contingent warrant for payment of his money.

Minuted:—"19 March '93–4. Referred to Mr. Fox. Ordered that Mr. Fox do put it on his memoriall."

Accompanied by the certificate. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

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March 20. 16. Report to the Lords of the Treasury on the petitions of Mr. Francis Babe, " touching the office of Surveyor of the imported and inland excise of Ireland."

Docquetted thus :—" My Lord Chancellor Porter and Lord Cheife Justice Reynells report in favour of Mr. Babe's peticon, and that the office of surveyor is not only necessary but required by law to be established." Dated 20 March 1693–4. 2 *pages.*

March 21. 17. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth as previously the state of the debt, &c. ; and as regards the Irish prisoners at Plymouth the agent says positively he can no longer keep them alive, nor could the Commissioners help it, not having received any moneys in several months for subsistence of prisoners at war. Dated 21 March 1693–4. 1 *page.*

[About March 21.] 18. Representation of Hugh Windham [to the King] that he had delivered a memorial for an allowance for 39 horses lost the last winter at " Ghant" by the plague, which was referred to Mons. Auverquier to report upon ; but Mr. Blathwayt, who had referred the same, was commanded by the Duke of Ormond to repair forthwith for Flanders, and would have no proper person in England, on the return of the report, to buy the horses ; proposing that the King should advance the money, that they might be shipped by the next convoy, and if the number were not certified as lost (besides 58 wounded, a third of which were dead or unfit for service,) then the sum advanced to be deducted out of the clearings of the officers.

Minuted :—" 21 March '93–4. The King thinks this fit to bee done." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

March 22. 19. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to a previous presentment, in which they had acquainted their Lordships of the complaint of the merchants trading to Virginia and Maryland, that their trade was destroyed by ships trading directly from Scotland and Ireland to Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, and back again, without paying the duties, to the damage of the fair traders who observed the Act of Navigation ; proposing the appointment of a small vessel to cruize in the bay, within the capes of Virginia or elsewhere, with which the Com^rs^ concurred, and now proposed that if their Lordships would not move therein, that Col. Nicholson, who was going as Governor to Maryland, might treat for the hire of a vessel of about 40 tons burthen, for preventing these frauds. Dated 22 March 1693–4. 1¼ *pages.*

March 22. 20. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting :—" An accompt of such sums of money as were absolutely necessary to be immediately advanced, and without which the train of artillery in Flanders could not take the field. Dated 22 March 1693–4." 2 *pages.*

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Minuted:—"29 Oct. '94. Speak w^th^ my L^d^ Ranelagh."

The petition and other papers. 4 *half pages.*

March 23. 22. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had perused the bonds of several merchants of Lancaster, and the latest appeared to be dated 13 Jan. 1689, which was before any appropriations of the present revenue. Dated 23 March 1693–4.

Minuted:—"Processe to bee stopt." ½ *page.*

1694. March 25. 23. "[Ireland] The state of the Commission for stateing the acco^ts^ of the army, from the first commencement thereof" till 25 March 1694. 3 *pages.*

March 26. 24. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the running of a considerable quantity of dyeing wood at Christchurch, and as to how much Webster and other officers were involved in the same; stating that they had suspended Webster, and had ordered that Stephens, the other officer, should be publicly admonished for his great negligence. Dated 26 March 1694.

There is also, on another sheet, a docquet of various matters in connexion with the seizure. 1¾ *pages.*

March 28. 25. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to their letter, desiring to be informed of the state and value of the forfeited lands mentioned in a paper annexed to the petition of Thomas Keightley, Esq., stating that they had consulted the Com^rs^ of Inspection and the Solicitor-General, and that the value of the lands was 1,561*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; reminding their Lordships that the produce of the forfeited lands should be applied to the garrisons and fortifications. Dated Dublin Castle, 28 March 1694.

Minuted:—"Respited."

The report of Sir Rich. Levinge, the petition and paper above referred to, and a memorandum.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, vol. VI. p. 114, on 27 Nov. 1695, which perhaps relates to this:—"Peticon of M^r^ Keightley. The King's intencon is to grant it, but not just at this time." 7 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 28. 26. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, in answer to one from their Lordships requiring them to certify the nature of the estate of James Everard, in the county of Waterford, and whether it were in their Majesties' power to grant it to James Roche, who petitioned for it; transmitting a report from the Com^rs^ of Inspection as to the value of the same; stating

1694. further that it does not appear what the value of the 14 or 15 ferries, which the petitioner hoped to keep, was; urging the necessity of the money arising from forfeitures being applied to the repairs of fortifications and building barracks. Dated Dublin Castle, 28 March 1694.

The petition is *minuted*:—"My Lords do discharge the *caveat* of Major Delamer and the petitioner may go on with his grant of Everard's lands."

Accompanied by the report, a particular of the lands forfeited by James Everard, and the petition of James Roch. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

March 28. 27. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth, as before, the state of the debt and stating that the "quarterers" peremptorily refused to receive the sick seamen, &c. Dated 28 March 1694. 1 *page.*

[About March 28.] 28. Petition of Thomas Roberts to the Lords of the Treasury, to be allowed to serve their Majesties in some better station; he having been a weigher and watchman at the Custom House, London.

Minuted:—"28 March '94. Recommended to the Commiss. of Customs." *A fragment.*

March 30. 29. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Jacob Gabay, merchant of London, praying, their Lordships' order to Mr. Bertie to deliver nine bales of calico about one of which the petitioner's servants had made a mistake in the entry, in order that he might not lose the convoy; expressing the opinion that it was a mistake, and might deserve relief from forfeiture. Dated 30 March 1694.

Minuted:—"Ordered that the forfeiture bee remitted."

The petition, an affidavit, and the statement of the case by the custom-house officers. 4½ *pages.*

[? About March 30.] 30. Petition of the principal officers of the Ordnance to the King, setting forth their claims for exemption from the taxes levied on their salaries; praying the King to sign the warrant annexed, empowering the Master-General of the Ordnance to reimburse the moneys the petitioners had paid.

The copy of the warrant. Dated 30 March 1694. 2½ *pages.*

March 30. 31. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to their previous report of 5 Jan. on Mr. Wicks' case, relating to the account of his receipts of the new impositions upon tobacco and sugar; stating that they appointed Mr. Wolstenholme, who had been his assistant, to take care of that receipt, under the check of the examiner and controller of that duty, but they had not prevailed with the patent officers to join in the control; moving their Lordships to exert their authority in this matter, and to allow of a clerkship of about 40*l. per ann.* to assist the controller, and recommending Mr. Wm. Waterson for the same. They had on the arrival of the Virginia fleet directed the receiver and controller of

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this duty and the Controller-General to keep a separate account thereof from Lady Day.

Mr. Wicks had entered into a further security of 10,000*l.* besides his two former bonds of 800*l.*, but had exhibited a bill in the Exchequer against the Controller-General and others, to gain time, and by forms of law to delay passing his account. An extent had been obtained to find his estate and he had agreed to pay 1,000*l.* in a week and 1,300*l.* the first day of term, and he had already paid in about 700*l.* of the 1,000*l.* Dated 30 March 1694. 2½ *pages.*

[About April 4.] 32. Representation of Col. Luke Lillingston to the King, that several companies of his regiment were almost fully recruited; that the great arrear of subsistence had put the officers to great straits, as they had received but 2,573*l.* for the whole time of their being on the West India expedition, and *that* at a loss of 25*l.* or 30*l. per cent.* by the lightness of the money; that 30*l.* a week was paid to Col. Colt's agent for the support of the wives and families of the officers in their absence; praying that his regiment might be put on the same footing as that of Col. Colt.

Docquetted:—"4th April '94. Brought by the King." 1 *page.*

April 4. 33. Report of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial annexed, concerning the ship "Queen of Poland," taken by the French on 10 Aug. last, viz., as to the value of the ship, &c. Dated 4 April '94.

Minuted:—"Ordered to bee paid."

Also a petition, and another paper relating thereto. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

April 5. 34. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for stating the accounts of the army, showing the progress made, and that the work having abated, they had discharged their chief clerk, &c.; offering to give their attendance to 29 Sept., or three months longer if necessary, if their salary were paid from 25 Dec. 1692 to 25 March last. Dated 5 Apr. 1694. 1¾ *pages.*

April 7. 35. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Hatfield, one of the King's waiters in the port of London, to resign his office to his near relation, Charles West, gent., who had acted as his deputy; stating that they had nothing to object. Dated 7 April 1694.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

April 7. 36. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the sums paid by Mr. Taylor for the duties upon masts and other provisions for shipping, which had lately been imported from New England. Dated 7 Apr. 1694.

Minuted:—"27 May '95. A warr^t^ to pay this sum out of such m^o^ as is or shall come to his hands, not appropriated by Act of Parl^t^."

Also an account and a certificate. 5 *pages.*

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April 9. 37. Letter of Col. Beeston [Governor of Jamaica] to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the island of Jamaica furnished facilities for importation and exportation, and the planters sent off their goods to "Corisoe," and returned European goods to the prejudice of the customs, &c. He had ever since his arrival endeavoured to prevent it, but could never catch them until now, when two sloops had been seized. Their Majesties' part, it was thought, might amount to 200*l.*, and that sum was due to the people for the "Faulcon's" sick men, and he prayed to discharge that claim; and if any more came in, to be allowed to apply it for the putting their Majesties' house in a better condition, which was in no capacity to entertain an indifferent family, and the treasury, by reason of the war, could not sustain the charges of the Government. Dated 9 Apr. 1694.

Minuted:—"16 June '94. My L^ds do grant y^e forfeitures already made, but cannot dispose of those w^ch shall happen for the future." 1 *page.*

April 9. 38. Brief letter, signed J. Trenchard, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the following report concerning the subsistence of Col. Wolseley's regiment, for their Lordships' consideration. Dated 9 Apr. 1694.

The Report of the Lord Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they were informed that Col. Wolseley, by an order of the Lord Lieutenant, stopped 3*d.* per day out of the subsistence of the soldiers of his regiment, for a debt owing since their last clothing; and for the future the soldiers were to receive but 12*d.* a day for subsistence. On inquiry they found that 11½*d.* a day was paid to each trooper, and this reduction from 15*d.* was made by a verbal order; they had informed the colonel that he must procure Her Majesty's order, or they could not justify the continuance of that reduction; giving their opinion that as perhaps three pence a day was too little for the clothing and accoutrements of a trooper, so elevenpence halfpenny was too little to maintain a trooper and his horse, if he paid his quarters, as it was necessary he should. Further stating that all the off-reckonings of the army, besides this regiment, were stopped in the Treasury and issued from thence for their clothing, &c. Dated Dublin Castle, 29 March 1694.

Minuted:—"10th July '94. To bee 12 pence a day for subsistence from 1st of January 1693." 3½ *pages.*

April 10. 39. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lieut.-Col. Thomas Brudenall, concerning some money due to him from the company of foot formerly commanded by Capt. Sanders, and then by Capt. Withers, in the Marquis d' Rada's regiment; offering no objection to pay 74*l.* 14*s.* Dated 10 Apr. 1694.

The petition and a certificate relating thereto.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 22, is the following:—"74*l.* 14*s.* for Coll^o Brudenel, due to him from Marq. d' Rada's reg^t." 3 *pages.*

[About April 11.] 40. Two petitions of Robert Davies to the Lords of the Treasury and one to the King, showing that he was the only person who at

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His Majesty's arrival was entrusted from the Earl of Devonshire and the rest of the gentlemen in the King's interest in the north to the King, and had petitioned to be employed in the commission of the hackney coaches or paper duty; praying for employment.

The petition to the King was referred to their Lordships for their report on 3 April 1694.

Also a certificate as to his being twice entrusted to His Majesty by the said Earl. Recommending him for the place of Controller of the Hospitals in Flanders. Dated 11 Apr. 1694. 4 *pages.*

[About April 11.] 41. Representation of Col. Luke Lillingston to the King, showing that the charge on the off-reckonings of his regiment of foot was so great for the clothing for the West India expedition, amounting to 3,700*l.* and upwards, that he had been put to great difficulties to provide new clothing; the surtouts were provided for this year's service, but the men having been put on board the ships of war in May last to supply the want of seamen at New England, Newfoundland, and in manning the ships home, he was under the necessity of delivering them their surtouts to keep them warm and in health; praying that they might be allowed the ship's provision for the time they so worked, to enable him to defray the charge of the next clothing.

On the back is:—" Brought by y^e^ King. 11^th^ Apr. '94." 1 *page.*

April 11. 42. Memorial of the officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, " positively telling " them that unless some speedy payment were made to the contractors, it would be impossible for the artillery to take the field; earnestly pressing them to consider the annexed demand. Dated 11 April 1694.

The account or demand referred to. 2 *pages.*

[About April 12.] 43. Petition of Edeth Lutwych, addressed to the King, stating that there were priests, Jesuits, and other Popish estates in England and Wales, of the value of 100,000*l.* *per ann.* forfeited; praying for the 180th part or share of all the forfeited and forfeitable estates for her husband and his heirs, &c.

Endorsed:—" Rec^d^ 12 April 1694. Referred 12 June 1694 to Sir Scroop Howe and Sir John Gise, Baronets, to report on." 1 *page.*

April 12. 44. Copy of report of Lord Conningsby and Charles Fox, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, on a petition to His Majesty by Brigadier Leveson on behalf of the regiment of horse under his command, setting forth the hardship to the regiment by reason of debts for clothing, &c., they having been obliged to clothe for three years together, which was chiefly occasioned by the great loss first in going to Ireland in 1689, when they lost 124 horses and several accoutrements at sea, and afterwards, at the surprising the cannon near Limerick, they lost 135 horses; praying an allowance of 15*l.* per horse; recommending the allowance of 10*l.* per horse, &c. Dated 12 Apr. 1694.

Also copy of two certificates and the petition. 2½ *pages.*

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April 16. 45. An account of moneys received from seizures and payments out of the same. Dated 16 April 1694.

Accompanied by the draft of a letter unsigned, and undirected, respecting seizures of forfeited goods at the custom-house. 1½ *pages.*

April 17. 46. Letter of Wm. De la Rose to the Lord Godolphin, one of the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had sent into the Excise Office, 106,798*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* collected by him, but that he was little or nothing enriched; beseeching that he might have the same allowance as others in his station, viz., 2*d.* in the pound. Dated 17 Apr. 1694.

Minuted:—"19 Apr. '94. Referred to Commiss. Excise."

Also a statement of his receipts and expenses. 2 *pages.*

April 18. 47. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Latham, late corporal in the regiment of horse commanded by Col. Theodore Russell, praying payment of what was due to him; in favour of his claim for 58*l.* 16*s.* Dated 18 Apr. 1694.

Written on the back of the petition. There is also a certificate. 2¼ *pages.*

April 18. 48. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel Blake, gent., praying to be appointed as a searcher in the port of London, the place being vacant by the death of Capt. Cowley; stating there was no vacancy, for the appointment was given to Anthony Meeke and Robert Cowley jointly, and to the survivor of them. Dated 18 Apr. 1694.

Minuted:—"Granted to Mr. Stockdale."

Also a copy of the report and another paper, which states that the office of under searcher was granted to Anthony Meeke and Clere Wyndham, and the survivor of them, &c.; upon the death of Robert Cowley, one Mr. Stockdale "was put upon him." 4 *pages and parts of pages.*

April 18. 49. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Wyld, of Spital Fields, London, weaver, setting forth that he had by him a parcel of old fashioned silks mixed with gold and silver, which would not sell in England, but would in parts beyond the seas, and he accordingly shipped them for Jamaica, as wrought silks, on which the officer charged him with making a false entry, and exhibited an information against the goods in the Court of Exchequer; giving their opinion that the goods were so entered by mistake, and that the petitioner might deserve relief. Dated 18 April 1694.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Accompanied by the petition and an affidavit. 1 *page and* 3 *halves.*

April 19. 50. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Abel T. D'Allonne, who sought to obtain a grant for 99 years of a reserved rent of 300*l.*

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per ann. out of the manor of Dancy or Dauntsey (Wilts), which manor had been granted to the Earl of Monmouth; advising that the grant was worth 6,000*l.*, at 20 years' purchase; and that if granted a small rent should be reserved. Dated 19 April 1694.

Minuted:—"Granted & some rent to be reserved to the Crown."

The petition. Also a report of Anthony Parsons, auditor for the county of Wilts, on the same subject. 4½ *pages.*

April 19. 51. Order in Council for *cessat processus* or *nolle prosequi* to be entered, in relation to a suit commenced against Sir Cloudesly Shovel, Knt., and various other captains there specified, who had rendered themselves liable to prosecution in the Court of Exchequer or some other of the Courts at Westminster, for embezzling ships and goods taken as prize. Dated 19 Apr. 1694. 1½ *pages.*

April 20. 52. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Roth Peterman, one of the King's waiters in the port of London, to surrender the office to Samuel Tomlins, gent., stating they did not object thereto. Dated 20 Apr. 1694.

The petition, a certificate, and a letter signed "H. Grafton," in favour of the petitioner. 4 *parts of pages.*

April 20. 53. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Marmaduke Jenkinson, recommending that he should be allowed to pay 30*l.* more, in discharge of the debt incurred by him; he having been bound for William Vawser, a late collector of hearth money, who was a defaulter. Dated 20 Apr. 1694.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

April 21. 54. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of several tradesmen of the city of Exeter, for 247*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* for clothes, &c. furnished to the regiment formerly commanded by Sir John Peyton; giving his opinion that it should be referred to Charles Fox, Esq. Dated 21 April 1694.

The petition and a schedule of the names of persons with the sums due to them. 2½ *pages.*

April 23. 55. Letter of Viscount Sydney to the Lords of the Treasury, accompanying a copy of the establishment of officers and attendants of the Flanders train of artillery, begging that supplies of money might be paid into the Treasury of the Ordnance, for the officers of the train. Dated 23 April 1694.

Also the establishment or list of officers and the amount of their pay. 6 *pages.*

April 25. 56. Report of William Blathwayt, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Charles Lord Baltimore, for payment out of port duties of certain sums; praying that Mr. Knight might have their Lordships' warrant to demand for him what money there was in the hands of Mr. Peter Paggen or others, who received the

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port duties; expressing the opinion that they might have orders to pay the same. Dated 25 April 1694.

Minuted:—"Mr. Knight to pay the petitioner what mony is in his hands, according to the agreement made in the Counsell." 3½ *pages.*

April 25. 57. Report of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Mackarell, merchant, recommending that the petitioners' five ships, remaining with their cargo, to the value of 1,387*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*, be delivered to him to lessen his debt, and be a present relief to him. Dated 25 April 1694.

Minuted:—"To bee sent to the Com^rs^ of the Revenues in Ireland, to know the state of this case, what is become of these ships, or what use they are put to, & that my L^ds^ are enclined to gratify the peticioner, if they have no objection."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

April 27. 58. Report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir James Robinson, respecting certain land lying on the north side of Tower Hill, near Crutched Friars, &c. on which the petitioner said the city authorities had intruded, and held possession, and prayed that the matter might be brought to trial. The petition sets out the boundaries of the lands. The report leaves it open to the Lords of the Treasury to have the rights of the Crown asserted or not at their pleasure. Dated 27 April 1694.

Minuted:—"Agreed to y^e^ rep^t^." 3 *pages.*

[About April.] 59. Petition of Charles Vere and partners, brewers, to the Lords of the Treasury. The petitioners appear to have had a claim on the Government, and were anxious to get it allowed out of the excise due on beer brewed by them.

Minuted:—"14 Apr. '94. Referred to Com^rs^ Excise." 1 *page* (*greatly decayed.*)

[? About April or later.] 60. "Abstract of Mrs. Edyeth Lutwych's husband's great sufferings and barbarous usages, both from managers & witness's after his eminent services don & well perform'd, both for the Crown and them; as is perticulerly mencon'd in those papers inclosed to his Maj^ty^ in Councill; which case stands Aprill the 19, '94, referr'd to the Lords Com^rs^ of the Treasury."

Mrs. Lutwych complained of the treatment her husband had received from the managers of the forfeited estates of priests and Jesuits in England and Wales, that her husband's life was threatened, &c.; she sought for a timely donation of the royal bounty. 1 *page.*

May 1. 61. A brief account of such part of His Majesty's army and other troops, &c. as were transported by His Majesty's commands out of the kingdom of Ireland, under the care and direction of Bartholomew van Homrigh, Esq., from the 20th day of July 1690 to the 1st day of May 1694. 10 *pages.*

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May 2. 62. Letter of Sir Cyril Wich and W. Duncombe, Esq. [deputies to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland], to the Lords of the Treasury, informing them that the Com^rs for stating the accounts of the army were allowed at the rate of 250*l.* a year each, up to 25 Dec. 1692; since which they had attended the service without "any certain appointment for themselves or clerks." The remainder to be done was confined to a small number of regiments, and the Com^rs offered, if their salary and that of their clerks were paid up to 25 March last, to conclude the business without further charge. Dated 2 May 1694. 1 *page.*

May 3. 63. Report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, and Sir Tho. Trevor, Solicitor-General, to the Lords of the Privy Council, on their Lordships' order commanding them to state the case upon the Act of Parliament lately passed, for a duty upon tonnage of ships, as far as relates to the making subscriptions and erecting a corporation, and as to the power the King had of limiting or regulating the subscriptions or corporation; finding that the duties of tonnage and excise thereby given were made a fund of credit for raising 1,500,000*l.*, to be paid into the Exchequer; for which there was to be raised for the payment of the yearly interest 140,000*l.*, viz. eight *per cent.*, and amongst other powers possessed by their Majesties was that of incorporating the contributors by the name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, who were to have perpetual succession, a common seal, power to purchase and sell lands, &c.; giving their opinion that the King might upon this Act appoint what number of Com^rs he pleased; to take the subscriptions before the 1st of August 1694, &c. and if 1,200,000*l.*, or the moiety thereof, were subscribed before 1 Aug. 1694, then to incorporate the subscribers; and might direct the assignment of 100,000*l.* *per ann.* or any part of it to the subscribers, and that His Majesty might order the appointment of a Governor and other officers of the corporation, or for ascertaining what sum should entitle a member to vote, and what number of votes a member should have, &c. Dated 3 May 1694. 1½ *pages.*

May 5. 64. "The present establishment of all officers belonging to the Prize Office, as well in London as in the out-ports, with their respective salaries, commencing from the 24th day of June next," for which the [Com^rs of Prizes] prayed their Lordships' allowance.

There is also a list of agents under no settled allowance, but to be rewarded according to the trouble they received and the profit they made. Dated 5 May 1694. 3 *pages.*

May 7. 65. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Wickman Hansen, commissary to the Danish forces; desiring the payment of 540*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, delivered them short in certain bills of exchange returned to Hamburgh by Sir Joseph Herne; and of 120*l.* overcharged to those forces in their accounts of Ireland; in favour of both claims. Dated 7 May 1694. 2½ *pages.*

May 7. 66. Report of the same to the same, on the memorial of Lord Strathnaver and Col. Geo. Hamilton, praying that the muster rolls

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Minuted:—"26 June '94. Respited."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

May 7. 67. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had, in accordance with their Lordships' commands, written to Mr. Wildbore, the collector of customs of the port of Carlisle, to send up an account of the hay bought by him; transmitting the particular account they had received from him, and a copy of his letter; and further stating they were not ignorant of some hardships sustained by him. Dated 7 May 1694.

Accompanied by the papers. 8 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

May 8. 68. Memorial of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, for an order for 500*l.* or 600*l.* for the prosecution and defence of various suits. Dated 8 May 1694.

Also a list of the same. 3½ *pages.*

[About May 10.] 69. Petition of Samuel Weale to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was the first to propose raising money by way of tonnage, which was then made a fund for raising 1,500,000*l.*, praying to be appointed to some office in the execution of this or some other Act.

At the foot is a brief certificate of Sir J. Somers confirmatory of the petition. Dated 10 May 1694. 1 *page.*

May 11. 70. Report of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Arthur Shallett, merchant, praying for the freight of four ships employed in the transport service; recommending him particularly to their favour, as he was on all occasions so ready to forward their Majesties' service. Dated 11 May 1694.

Also the petition. 2¼ *pages.*

May 14. 71. Memorial by direction of Mr. Travers to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that Sir Charles Harbord was allowed in the Surveyor-General's office, for riding charges, at the rate of 180*l. per ann.* and upwards, and the perquisites amounted to ten times as much as they had done since. Mr. Travers had taken actual surveys of Greenwich and St. James's Park, he went into Cornwall, surveyed and made a map of Pendennis Castle and ground about it, made a journey into Northamptonshire, and valuation of the late Lord Powys's estate at Pipewell, and other services; hoping that he might be allowed 200*l.* for his charges and pains, to be paid by the receiver of the duchy of Cornwall. *Docquetted:*—14 May 1694.

Minuted:—"To bee pd out of fines of leases."

"To speake with him." "A tally for 200^li^ on the receiver of the duchy of Cornwall, for riding and other extraordinary charges relating to his office." 1 *page.*

May 15. 72. Report of Sir Robert Howard, Knt., auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of

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Alexander Lorrimer, who had had an order assigned him (No. 1,163) on joint stocks for 1,000*l.*, together with a tally, which order he had lost; certifying that it had been usual in like cases for their Lordships to sign a copy, with directions to cancel the original when found. Dated 15 May 1694. 1½ *pages.*

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May 16. 1. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what quantities of old farthings and half-pence might come in to be exchanged; what would be the loss? and at what rate the new designed farthings and half-pence of English copper could be made, if done to the intrinsic value? and also if the loss of re-changing the old ones should be ordered out of the new ones, and how they could best be made? Replying that there had been upwards of 65,000*l.* by sale of tin farthings and half-pence, made and disposed of, and there could not be above 40,000*l.* by tale to be re-changed. The loss by exchange of the 40,000*l.* would be about 30,000*l.* The Copper Company would deliver 100 tons of copper a year for seven years, at 11*d.* the pound weight. The workmanship would be 5*d.* the pound weight, and the intrinsic value would be 16*d.* the pound weight. If the loss on the exchange of the old coins should fall on the new, it was hoped that it might be done in seven years; but 10,000*l.* must be ordered to be used, as a stock for providing copper and paying workmanship; and the farthings and half-pence must be cut at 20 pence the pound weight, with a remedy of three or four farthing pieces in the pound weight, as it was in the late reign of King Charles II. Dated 16 May 1694. 2 *pages.*

[About May 16.] 2. Petition of Arnold Verhorst, "Secretary of Warr" to the Dutch forces, praying that their Lordships would provide the Com^r^ Van Esche, with the 687*l.* 4*s.* due to him; or so much as would enable the petitioner to pay his creditors, and his necessary equipage; as he was ordered forthwith to Flanders.

Minuted:—"16 May 1694. Referred to L^d^ Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

May 16 and 21. 3. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury; setting forth the state of the debt and praying that 10,000*l.* might be ordered to carry on their business. Dated 16 May 1694.

Another memorial in the same terms, five days later. Dated 21 May 1694. 2 *pages.*

[About May 17.] 4. Papers relating to certain guns which had been sunk in their Majesties' ship the "London," near the buoy at the Nore, which guns Sir William Pritchard had entered into agreement with the

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1694. Office of Ordnance to recover, receiving half the value, and, having recovered them, refused to deliver the half of them on account of a debt due to him for stores. Including the Solicitor-General's opinion thereon; signed "Tho. Trevor."

A report on the subject is dated 17 May1694.

There is the following entry in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 112, 26 Nov. 1695: "Officers of Ordnance and S^r^ W^m^ Pritchard ab^t^ y^e^ guns taken out of y^e^ "London" wreck 17 or 18 years ago. He took them up on articles to have half; he would have y^e^ k^s^ half tow^d^ an old debt in y^e^ Office of Ordnce. My Lords cannot pay this debt." 4½ *pages.*

May 18. 5. Letter of Mr. Sotherne, Secretary of the Admiralty, to Mr. Guy, with a copy of a letter from Mr. Langhton, deputy to the Vice-Admiral of Lincoln, complaining that no money could be got from the collector of the customs at Hull, towards defraying the charges in impresting seamen; requesting the same to be laid before their Lordships. Dated 18 May 1694. 1½ *pages.*

May 21. 6. Report of the officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had considered the proposals of Abel Slaney and Daniel Barton, for making half-pence and farthings of English fine copper, for seven years, and it was the same in substance as Mr. Neal's proposal, with certain additions as to changing, melting, and working up the tin. Dated 21 May 1694. 1 *page* (*torn*).

May 21. 7. Two separate Reports of Mr. Aaron Smith and John Smith, Esq., Receiver of their Majesty's Revenues in the county of Middlesex, on the petition of William, Lord Montgomery, as to the admission of him as tenant of the manor of Hendon, showing the yearly value, the fines, and divers other particulars about the same. Dated 21 May 1694. 7½ *pages.*

May 24. 8. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nicholas Parke, setting forth that the petitioner, being one of the King's waiters in the port of London, was desirous of surrendering it to Mr. Edward Lawford; stating that they saw nothing to object. Dated 24 May 1694.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 25. 9. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Bohum Fox, son of Thomas Fox, late collector of excise in the East Riding of York, in favour of the discharge of the collector from 85*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*, he having fallen into a melancholy madness, through a robbery of his account books by the Danish soldiers. Dated 25 May 1694.

Minuted:—"Agreed to the report."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 25. 10. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Mr. Thomas Rymer, who was employed to transcribe and publish the ancient leagues and treaties between the Crown of England and other nations, and prayed for the aftermentioned 200*l.*; certifying that Gervase Cartwright, late of Belgrave,

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in the county of Leicester, gent., was convicted at Leicester as a Romish priest, and part of his estate was seized, of the value of 200*l.* and remained in the hands of Mr. Will^m^ Bentley, late Mayor of Leicester. Dated 25 May 1694.

Minuted:—"A letter to the late Mayor to pay this money into the Exchequer."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 26. 11. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise, upon the annexed petition of George Mathewes, for remission of duty paid upon some Spanish brandy, found to be worthless. Recommending an abatement to him of 45*l.* 6*s.* 1¾*d.* Dated 20 May 1694.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 30. 12. A state of the subsistence, half-pay, and other sums (given in detail), for the forces in Flanders, during the years 1693–1694. 2 *pages.*

[About May.] 13. Copy of a report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. John Hawkins, of the regiment of foot late under the command of the Earl of Roscommon, praying for payment of arrears; certifying that there appeared to be due to him 141*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*

Also a certificate dated 3 May 1694, and copy of the account of sums due to the petitioner. 4 *pages.*

[? About May.] 14. Memoranda made by some person, whose name or office does not appear, stating that one of the papers delivered him related to 825*l.* laid out by Col. Kendal, on account of sick and wounded seamen, in the West Indies, for which bills of exchange had been drawn by him; and the other paper related to several bills of exchange drawn by Col. Kendall on the Treasurer of the Navy, amounting to about 2,500*l.*, &c.

Docquetted:—"Delivered May ye 30^th^ 1694."

Accompanied by the papers. 5 *pages.*

June 1. 15. The Earl of Ranelagh's memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning bills drawn on him for the subsistence of the forces in Flanders. Dated 1 June 1694. 1 *page.*

June 2. 16. Report of the Com^rs^ for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the account of Mr. Daniel Butts, commissary to the Irish forces, transported from Ireland to Brest, by virtue of the capitulation at Limerick, in the years 1691 and 1692; finding that there was due to him 4,564*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*, taking it for granted that the late Col. Sarsfield was allowed to carry certain French goods, and that Mr. Butts had authority to detain the transports for that purpose, &c. Dated 2 June 1694.

Minuted:—"My Lords allow that the ships shall bee paid to the time of their discharge, but to bee done with a memorandum that this matter bee further enquired into, & now my Lords do not thinke it convenient to stop the whole account for it." 2 *pages.*

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June 5. 17. Letter or memorial of officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, referring them to their last memorial of 22 May, as to the want of money for the land service, and transmitting a petition of their "poor artificers relating to the 2 *per cent.* extraordinary, long since promised by their Lordships, upon the 50,000li tallies struck upon ¾ of the customs." Dated 5 June 1694.
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 5. 18. Memorial of the Comrs for sick and wounded, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had received the royal commands to hasten to the outports to see all things provided for the sick and wounded, &c.; reiterating the state of the debt, and praying their order for 10,000*l.* to pay part of the quarters at Portsmouth and elsewhere, where the seamen must be entertained on the return of the fleet. Dated 5 June 1694. 1 *page.*

June 5. 19. "A list of ye English & Dutch ships designed for ye Mediterranean, compared with ye French ships there."
The English commanders are also given. Dated 5 June '94.
Enclosing a list of ships yt are gone for ye Streights." 1 *page and* 3 *parts of pages.*

June 6. 20. Letter from John Shale to Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, advising as to the way to defeat the merchants in their combination to raise the price of hemp to the Government. As their Lordships were under no want of money, there was no doubt of their keeping down the price, and having the goods too; provided a line or two were sent to the Navy Board to advise them not to contract at more than 26*l.* per ton for the best hemp, without their Lordships' approbation. Dated 6 June 1694. 1½ *pages.*

[About June 6.] 21. Petition of John Dutton Colt, Esq., collector of customs in the port of Bristol, respecting certain "calemint" shipped, on which an impost of 20*s.* a ton was laid retrospectively, in consequence of which the petitioner's account was surcharged; praying that the surcharge might be taken off.
Minuted:—"The surcharge to stand, in order to recover ye mo from the mercht. But so much to be respited upon the collrs acct."
Also Sir Edw. Ward's opinion thereon. Dated 6 June 1694. 2 *pages.*

June 6. 22. Report of the agents for taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Bradshaw, gent., Receiver-General for the first 4*s.* aid and review of the quarterly poll for the county of Derby, and the particular of his extraordinary charges; recommending the allowance of 100*l.* to him for the latter. Dated 6 June 1694.
Also the petition and the account. 3 *pages.*

June 6. 23. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of John Newsham, gent., Receiver-General for the same first 4*s.* aid and

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review of the quarterly poll in the county of Warwick and the city of Coventry; recommending the allowance of 114*l.* to him for his extraordinary charges. Dated 6 June 1694.

Also the petition and his account. 3 *pages.*

June 6. 24. Report of the same to the same, on the petition of Thomas Trueman, gent., Receiver-General of the same first 4*s.* aid and quarterly poll review for the counties of Nottingham and Liecester; recommending the allowance to him of 145*l.* for his extraordinary charges. Dated 6 June 1694.

Also the petition and account of his disbursements. 3½ *pages.*

June 7. 25. Letter from Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Guy, sending the petition of the Earl of Scarborough and Mr. Allen, received by the King for the examination of the Lords of the Treasury, and their opinion. Dated, Camp at Valduc, $\frac{7}{17}$ June 1694.

The petition is not now with it. 1 *page.*

June 7. 26. "A certificate of such salaries, pensions, and other sums of money, which are payable by dormant warrant out of the land revenue of South and North Wales." Signed "Cha. Chetwynd, dep^t^ aud^r^." Dated 7 June 1694.

The salaries, &c. were chiefly to officers in Wales. 1¼ *pages.*

June 7. 27. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir William Scawen and Henry Cornish, Esq., as to the debt of 30,920*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, demanded by them for clothing of several regiments. Dated 7 June 1694.

Minuted:—"16 June '94. To be consider'd with y^e^ rest of y^e^ pet^ns^ rel. to y^e^ clothing of y^e^ army."

Also the petition. 1 *page and* 2 *half pages.*

[? About June 7.] 28. Report of Sir Robert Cotton, Knt., and Thomas Frankland, Esq., Postmasters General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Geo. Warburton, Esq., deputy postmaster of Ireland, on the state of his accounts; recommending that the auditor-general of the revenue of the Post Office should depute some person to go over and state the accounts there, and make an exact report thereon, &c. Since they came into office they found him very careful and industrious to improve the revenue and exact and punctual in his payments. Without date.

Annexing a state of the account as he stood charged in the books of the office.

Accompanied by the petition referred to them on 7 June 1694. 3½ *pages.*

[? About June 7.] 29. Report of the Com^rs^ for managing the new duty on paper, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the stationers and others dealing in paper, parchment, &c., stating that the clause in the Act (fol. 412) did not direct them to make any allowance on payment of the duties, but advising that allwho brought a quantity of paper to be stamped, the duty of which should amount to 100*l.*

1694. should have some allowance. Without date, but the petition above alluded to was referred on 7 June 1694.

Minuted:—"13 June '94. It is conceived that the Act doth not empower my Lords to do as desired."

Also the petition, which states that there were in and about the cities of London and Westminster 100 stationers, who would be totally ruined if some allowance were not made to them. 2 *pages.*

June 8. 30. Order in Council on a letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Rt. Hon. Mr. Secretary Trenchard, touching the petition of Sir Wm. Ashurst, Lord Mayor of London; praying a grant of the forfeited estate of Richard and Andrew Dalton, late of Dublin, merchants, toward the payment of the debts due to the petitioner and other creditors of the Daltons; referring the same, together with the report of Sir Rich. Levinge and other papers, to the Lords of the Treasury, to report their opinion. Dated 8 June 1694.

Minuted:—(1st) "To lay it before the Queene concerning my L^d^ Maior's single debt." (2.) "Granted as to what relates to my L. Mayor's particular debt."

Accompanied by all the papers. 18 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

June 8. 31. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Wolstenholme, son of Sir Thomas Wolstenholme, Bart., setting forth that for a debt of 9,555*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* due to his father, the King had granted an annual rent out of the hereditary revenue of excise, but there was now an arrear on it of 6,000*l.*; confirming the statements of the petitioner, and leaving it to their Majesties to stay process against him, for a debt of 200*l.* for money borrowed of Michael Wicks, receiver of customs in London. Dated 8 June 1694.

Minuted:—"A stop of processe till farther order."

The petition and a report on the same case, signed Ri. Hutchinson. 3½ *pages.*

June 11. 32. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the account of Capt. Embree, late captain of the regiment of foot, formerly commanded by the late Colonel Foulks, and now by Col. Lillingston, stating that if their Lordships ordered him the 55*l.* 17*s.* claimed, it must be charged to the account of the regiment. Dated 11 June 1694.

Minuted:—"To be put on my L^d^ Ranelagh's memorial."

The account and a certificate. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

June 12. 33. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that they were seven quarters in arrear for the land service and were then entirely at a stand; assigning as one cause of the failure of that service that their Lordships were so behind in allotting what the parliament had given them. They had received but 59,500*l.* out of 210,000*l.* allowed them for that year; which was all swallowed up in providing for the Flanders train of artillery, and for the "present expedition," &c.; saying further they could not acquit themselves for using all the arts and contrivances

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they could to prevail on the poor people to trust them, &c.; representing also the state of the sea service. Dated 12 June 1694. 1½ *pages.*

June 13. 34. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the fleet had returned, and numbers of men were expected on shore, where they would find cold entertainment, unless the quarters were paid at Portsmouth, Gosport, and Dartmouth, to the 24th of June 1693, &c.; praying an order for 8,000*l.* &c. Dated 13 June 1694. 1 *page.*

June 14 35. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mary Bradly, widow, offering no objection to the stoppage of the 100*l.* prayed for, which was due to the petitioner from Capt. John Redish, in Col. Stanley's regiment. Dated 14 June 1694.

Minuted:—"Ordered to bee stopt."

Also the petition, in which she charges the captain with fraudulently transferring his estate. 2 *pages.*

[About June 16.] 36. Petition of the vicar and churchwardens of the parish of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to the Queen, showing that Anne Burlace, late of that parish, in her last sickness, being siesed of certain messuages in Bedfordbury and Kennaston's Alley, of about 30*l.* *per ann.*, when above four score years of age, was prevailed on to make a will and appoint one Mary Portington (who kept a nunnery in St. Martin's Lane) her executrix; but in truth the devise was to superstitious uses, and for masses to pray the testatrix's soul out of purgatory. After proceedings at law the judges recommended the estate should be employed for religious uses. The petition prays that this forfeited estate might be given to the use of the poor of St. Martin's parish. Signed by the vicar and churchwardens.

Minuted:—"16 June '94. Ref. to Mr. Attorney." 1 *page.*

[About June 16.] 37. Memorial of Richard, Earl of "Scarsborough," and Charles Allen, of London, merchant, to the King, showing that there had been three commissions to seize forfeited lands and goods in Ireland; but His Majesty had been defrauded of a considerable sum; praying for one-third to each of the memorialists of the frauds to be discovered.

Minuted:—"16 June '94. Referred to y^e L^ds Justices of Ireld." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 18. 38. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Col. Henry Mordant, as to the off-reckonings due to his regiment, which amounted to 7,010*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.* Dated 18 June 1694.

Minuted:—"To be laid up."

Also the memorial and the same memorial with slight variations. 3 *half pages.*

[? About June 18.] 39. Petition of Charles Chetwynd, gent., Deputy Auditor of Wales, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had prepared for the audit, then at hand, and that it would be very hard of any one to come into his office and reap the benefit of his pains;

1694. praying that he might be suffered to execute his office until the return of Mr. Grey, whose deputy he was, (to whom he was under security,) when they could both be heard.

Minuted:—"A copy of this pet^{n} was sent to Andrew Newport, Esq., 18 June '94." 1 *page.*

[? About June 18.] 40. Petition of Dame Penelope Tynte to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that she was executrix of her husband, Sir Hugh Tynte, Knt., who was in possession of a patent, granting him all the coal pits, mines, &c., of coal within the manor of Farringdon, Gurney, and Midsummer-Norton; reserving one-sixth of the profits to the Crown; that King Charles II. and King James, for certain arrears due to Sir Hugh, promised to remit the reserved rent for the remainder of the term, being between six and seven years; that one John Mogg and others, tenants of Sir Hugh, assisted by William Harbord, Esq., their Majesty's late Surveyor-General, obtained a grant of the premises, reserving the rent of one-tenth, which was contrary to the Act of 1 Jac. II., relating to leases or grants within the duchy of Cornwall, to which the premises belonged; praying process to be issued against them, and that she might renew her lease for 31 years, after the expiration of the present term, reserving one-sixth of the rent, &c.

Referred to Edward Ward, Esq., Attorney-General. 18 June 1694.

It was also referred to Samuel Travers, Esq., for his opinion. 1 *page and a small scrap.*

June 19. 41. Letter signed by two of the officers of the Ordnance to Charles Bertie, Esq., Treasurer of the Ordnance; sending an estimate of arms delivered to the province of Maryland, amounting to 170*l.*; desiring him to move the Lords of the Treasury for money thereon. Dated 19 June 1694.

Also an estimate of the charge of the muskets sent to Maryland. Dated 13 Feb. 1692–3. 2 *half pages.*

June 19. 42. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Major Henry Hoake and Major Peter Ceeley, showing that they were successively majors of the garrison of Plymouth, Peter Ceeley succeeding Henry Hoake, who was advanced to be lieutenant-governor, and that no major was allowed on the establishments of the forces; advising that if the allowance were made it would amount to 438*l.* 4*s.* Dated 19 June 1694.

Minuted:—"26th June '94. Respited till y^{e} King's return." And again, "To know the King's pleasure in this."

The petition and two certificates. 2 *pages and* 2 *quarters.*

[? About June 20.] 43. Petition of Francis Strut, gent., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that his petition, setting forth a discovery of estates of Popish priests and Jesuits (that they might be applied to the promotion of true piety, and praying for a commission of inquiry for Yorkshire, with the usual allowance), had been referred to their

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Lordships; praying in the present petition for a commission for Lincolnshire.

Minuted:—"20th June '94. To enquire if there bee any inquisition granted out for Lincolnshire." 1 *page.*

June 20. 44. Report of Robert Hewitt, deputy auditor, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Benjamin Norcliffe, jun., Esq., offering no objection to his appointment as steward of the courts of the late monastery of St. Mary's, in the county of York, provided he enrolled his grant and delivered in every year, duplicates of the Court Rolls to the auditor of the county. Dated 20 June 1694.

Minuted:—"26th June '94. Granted." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

June 20. 45. Petition of Thomas Papillon on behalf of himself, Sir Thomas Littleton, Knt., heir of Sir Thomas Littleton, Bart., deceased, Sir Josiah Child, Bart., and Benjn. Gauden, for himself and Sir Dennis Gauden, deceased, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that some of the petitioners were contractors for victualling the navy in 1672 and 1673, and that their accounts were not yet passed; praying a time to be appointed for the auditors to attend their Lordships for their directions thereon. Dated 20 June 1694.

Minuted:—"A day to bee appointed on Friday, June 22th. Tuesd. come sevennight in afternoon, put it on the booke." 1 *page.*

June 18 and 21. 46. Memorial of Mr. Aaron Smith, to the Lords of the Treasury, for an order for 600*l.* or 700*l.* for carrying on the prosecutions and defences on their Majesties' account; with a list or particular of the same. Dated 18 June 1694.

Minuted:—"200*l.* this week, & 200*l.* next week, & 200*l.* week after."

Also a letter from him, dated 21 June, detailing his grievous want of money, not having received his salary for three years. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

June 21. 47. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Moses Medina, respecting certain striped satins, printed calico, and papers of Indian flowers; certifying that they were of the product of India, and ought to have been imported directly from thence, but came from Holland, leaving it for their Lordships' consideration. Dated 21 June 1694.

Minuted:—"The Queene grants her part."

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

[About June 22.] 48. Report of [Samuel Travers, Esq., Surveyor-General], addressed to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of Capt. James Greenham, certifying that for several years during the two late reigns, he acted as deputy to Mr. William Legge, in the office of superintendent of the gardens, &c. of the Crown, but had had no employment from the present King. The petitioner prayed that he might be constituted agent or overseer of such mines as should be opened and worked in the county of Somerset, and alleged that

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he had discovered a mine there, wherein there was a considerable quantity of silver ore. The report refers to the Act of Parliament for preventing disputes about Royal mines, and advises that when their Lordships were satisfied of the probable benefits to the Crown, they might allow him a proportionable part thereof.

Accompanied by the petition referred to the surveyor, 22 June 1694, and another petition from him, on the same subject later than the report. 3 *pages.*

June 22. 49. An assignment of half the advantages that might arise by four Lottery Tickets, by Mary Humble, spinster, daughter of George Humble, Esq., deceased, to Christopher Tilson, of the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, gent. Dated 22 June 1694. $2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

June 23. 50. Copy of report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mary Peele, widow, setting forth that the petitioner's late husband William Peele, died, indebted upon bonds for customs on tobacco, 1,065*l.* 15*s.*, part of which she had paid, and prayed to be discharged from the remainder; informing their Lordships, that the petitioner had mistaken her case, &c., and recommending her as an object of charity, she having eight children. Dated 23 June 1694.

Minuted:—"The debt cannot bee discharged, because the money is appropriated." 1 *page.*

June 24. 51. Account of sick and wounded seamen and prisoners of war, being the balance sheet made up to 24 June 1694. [On the debtor side it is 15 June.] *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

[About June 25.] 52. Petition of James Abis, John Fellows, William Snow, and Richard Bovett, gent., on behalf of themselves and others, addressed to the Queen; stating that with much searching, they had found that great part of the dissolved priory of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, in the counties of Kent, Surrey, &c., was wrongfully detained from the Crown, and that they were willing to make out the Queen's title to it for the moiety of what should be recovered; praying a lease of the premises for 99 years, &c. Dated at the foot June 25, 1694.

With a note referring it to the Lords of the Treasury, on 28 June 1694. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 26. 53. Letter of Mr. Aaron Smith to Thos. Rymer, Esq., telling him that Mr. Sergeant Wright, Recorder of Leicester, had asked him what was intended to be done about the money forfeited, on the attainder of Jervas Cartwright at Leicester; and he told him that His Majesty had disposed of it to Mr. Rymer; advising him to look after it speedily. Dated 26 June 1694. 1 *page.*

June 26. 54. Letter signed Jo. Knight, to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a state of the account of money received by him for the

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province of Maryland, and how it had been paid. Dated 26 June 1694.

Accompanied by the balance sheet. 2 *parts of pages.*

[About June 26.] 55. Petition of the Lady Mary Colt, widow of Sir Wm. Dutton Colt, deceased, showing that her husband had for above five years last past, served as Envoy Extraordinary to the house of Brunswick Lunenburg, &c., in which service he not only expended his Majesty's allowance, but his own estate; he had also sacrificed his life and left the petitioner and five children, most of them infants, in a most deplorable condition; praying the King to direct their Lordships to find out some relief for her.

Minuted:—"26th June '94. Respited till the King returnes." 1 *page.*

[? About June 26.] 56. Petition of the Clerks of the Privy Council, to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for tallies for 581*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, due to them for their salaries.

Minuted:—"26 June '94. To be paid when my Lds have consider'd ye list for salaries." 1 *page.*

June 26. 57. Petition of Margaret Maurice, relict of Dr. Maurice, late Dean of Londonderry, deceased, showing that she was remarkable for the greatest losses and sharpest sufferings in the calamities of Ireland, 1st, by the loss of her fortune; 2nd, by two of her sons and seven more of her family being starved in the siege of Londonderry; 3rd, by being left a widow with five children, without prospect of relief, except what was due out of the deanery, and 4th, by the profits [of the deanery] being surreptitiously obtained from the King, then in Ireland; that the King being made sensible of the services of her husband, and the injury done to her, by sequestering the profits of the deanery, referred her to the Archbishop of Canterbury; who awarded her 500*l.* to be paid in Ireland, when the Archbishop of Tuam and Lord Gallway should think fit; but they, willing to save the King's money, advised his Grace to place it on the patent for coining copper; praying an order to have it charged on the copper mint, or on the First Fruits Office in Ireland. Dated 26 June '94.

Also a certificate respecting the reward of Mr. Clenaghan, a clergyman of Londonderry, out of the sequestration of the deanery. Signed Robert Southwell. Dated 12 Jan. 1692–3. 2½ *pages.*

June 27. 58. Letter of Edward Ketelbey to Lord Godolphin, praying that Mr. Aaron Smith might answer his petition for payment of his reasonable demands, for business he had been employed in, by Mr. Smith; in prosecuting disaffected persons, and managing a commission of inquiry into the Marquis of Powys's estate; which answer had been ordered two years before. Dated 27 June 1694. ½ *page.*

June 27. 59. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, on the condition of the gunmakers; for renewal of their weekly payments, &c. They had received but 16,000*l.* out of

1694. 30,000*l.* promised by their Lordships, they were made prisoners, had to abscond, &c. Dated 27 June 1694. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 27. 60. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of contracting with Sir Joseph Herne, for 200 tons of saltpetre at 70*l.* a ton. Dated 27 June 1694. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May and June. 61. Five certificates as to the value of the services of Col. Gustavus Hamilton, in the Protestant interest, and that of the Prince of Orange in the war in Ireland, more particularly at Coleraine, where he was chosen governor and maintained the place for five weeks, against two attacks of the enemy and then made an orderly retreat towards Derry; having stayed with one troop, till they had burnt three arches of the bridge. One relates more particularly to his losses of property. Dated in May and June 1694. 6 *parts of pages.*

July 2. 62. "The Chamberlaines demands for 274,990*l.* lent on the 2^{d} iiij^{s} ayd stated by Mr. Lowndes." The amount demanded was 1,076*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.* Dated 2 July 1694.

Minuted:—"3^{d} July 1694, paid."

Also his petition for the same, the items of his account for paying that sum into the Exchequer, and his affidavit of their truth. 4 *parts of pages.*

July 3. 63. Memorial of John Murrey, Commissary of Provisions, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury; showing that his attendance on their Majesties' service; had been without salary: praying for payment and to be recommended to an establishment. Dated 3 July 1694.

Minuted:—"3^{d} July '94. To bee allowed after the rate of 10 shillings a day." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 3. 64. Report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on a representation of the Com^{rs} of Customs, as to the shipment of certain goods, in lieu of others, which were lost; the second cargo also being lost: the point being whether the third cargo should be allowed to be shipped duty free. Dated 3 July 1694.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the said representation. 2 *pages.*

July 4. 65. Report of Officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, presenting the copy of their report of 4 Nov. last, in answer to a proposition of the Lord Lieutenant about coining silver money for Ireland, 11 *per cent.* lighter than at the mint in the Tower; though it was at the rate of 1 *per cent.* less, and limited to 50,000^{l}, yet to erect a mint there to coin so differently, might prove very prejudicial. Dated 4 July 1694.

The report alluded to is enclosed, recommending the preservation of one certain standard in weight and fineness, in all their Majesties' kingdoms and dominions. It quotes a report of the Committee for Trade and Plantations, dated 21 Feb. 167$\frac{8}{9}$, as strengthening their recommendation.

There is also the report of the Com^{rs} of Revenue in Ireland, com-

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plaining of the great inconvenience arising by the refusal to pass the white half-pence and farthings in England: the poorer sort generally make their payments in white or copper half-pence—the people begin to scruple copper half-pence, the plate money had for some time been sent away privately into England, to save exchange; by which means scarce any silver was left, except duccatoons at 6*s.* a piece, and not enough of them for trade. The guineas were the chief coin for payments of customs and quit rents: they passed there at 23*s.* a piece, they heard they were current in England at 22*s.* Those who brewed and sold ale by retail added considerably to the excise, yet seldom were able to change a ducatoon or "cobb" upon spending a 1*s.* or 18*d.*, by which it was evident a small current coin would be of great use. They submitted whether 50,000*l.* silver money, in threepences, groats and sixpences, might be coined for Ireland, at the rate of 10*l. per cent.* under the standard. 5½ *pages.*

July 5. 66. Report of Samuel Travers, Esq., Surveyor-General, and [Sir Christopher Wren, Surveyor-General of Works], to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Craig, and on the view of a piece of ground therein mentioned, lying behind the clockhouse, whereon an old house or shed stood, called the Hole in the Wall, which was directed by their Lordships' warrant to be passed by lease to the memorialist, which land Sir Humphry Edwin had taken possession of as part of the lands in a grant of the manor of Westminster, made to John Hall, Esq., and assigned to Sir Humphry: in favour of Mr. Craig's claim. Dated 5 July 1694.

Minuted:—"A letter to Sir Humphrey Edwin to deliver the possession back again."

See also 12 March 1694. Vol. XXVII. No. 6.

Also the memorial and a rough plan.

[Sir Chr. Wren's signature has been cut away.] 3 *pages.*

July 5. 67. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Dorothy Penne, widow, addressed to His Majesty, recommending a warrant to discharge certain brewing utensils, seized by the Com^rs^ for a debt to the Excise. Dated 5 July 1694.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

[? About July 5.] 68. Petition of Stephen Casaubon to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he was in command as lieutenant-colonel of a regiment of horse lately commanded by the Duke of Schomberg, and then by Lord Gallway, but was wounded, and had the grant of a pension; praying for nine months' arrears, viz., 112*l.* 10*s.*

Minuted:—"5^th^ July '94. Ref. to M^r^ Fox." 1 *page.*

July 6. 69. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging the receipt of their letter and a petition of Lord Viscount Massereene, and transmitting the Solicitor-General's report, stating that the petitioner was removed from lands in the county of Antrim, to the yearly value of 2,700*l.*, by the Acts of settlement and explanation, for which he was to receive equal

1694. value, but that he was deficient 522*l. per ann.* and upwards; declining to advise the issue of a commission of inquiry about the forfeited lands, with the view of making good the deficiency. Dated 6 July 1694.

The report and a second report by him, and divers other papers relating thereto. 16 *pages and parts of pages.*

July 6. 70. Report of J. Richards to the Lords of the Treasury, on an accompanying paper, charging their Majesties' messengers with making extravagant bills, offering to produce the whole of the bills before their Lordships, presuming that their Lordships would think a great hardship had been done them by bare suggestion or positive affirmation against all, before it was proved against any one of them.

There were 40 messengers in ordinary, and the standing rules by which they made their bills were :—

Sixpence a mile, which they disbursed when sent on post journeys.

Two shillings for every stage (which is 10 miles), that is 20*s.* for 100 miles.

For every day they were out on any service, 10*s.*

For going to Edinburgh and back again, 30^{li}.

To Dublin or the Hague, the like.

For keeping a prisoner, 6*s.* 8*d. per diem.*

When they kept him, and provided him with all necessaries, 10*s. per diem.* Dated 6 July 1694.

The following entries in relation to this subject are in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., viz., at p. 50, 24 June 1695 :—

"The messengers petition read: My Lords resolve that the 10^{s} a day for riding charges to the said messengers of the chamber be reduced to 6^{sh} 8^{d} a day. And for keeping of prisoners my Lords will allow 5^{sh} a day for dyet and safe keeping, and 2^{s} 6^{d} a day for safe keeping onely, without diett, and no more; and the bills to be made accordingly. These prices are to be observed for the future, and the charge of forreigne journeys is to be moderated."

P. 55, 3 July 1695.

"My Lords, upon hearing severall of ye messingers concerning their bills, adhere to the reducem^{t} of the 24th June last, with these alterations, viz^{t}, the ½ crowne a day for safe keeping to be 3^{s} 4^{d} *per diem*, and the ½ crowne a day for diet to be alsoe 3^{s} 4^{d} *per diem*, and that their paym^{ts} be made in ready money." 2 *pages.*

July 6. 71. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Philip Howard to the King, praying for a fourth of the arrears for the farm of the customs upon potash, barillia, &c., received by Mrs. Jackson; not objecting thereto, if their Lordships had determined the equity of the widow Jackson's pretentions. Dated 6 July 1694.

Accompanied by the petition. 1½ *pages.*

July 7. 72. Memorial of the Officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the

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Treasury, stating that they had acquainted the gun-makers with the renewal of the weekly payments of 500*l.*, and that that they were forced to let them know that their Lordships had not ordered the 10,000*l.*, forming part of their arrears, which caused so much dissatisfaction that they declared unanimously, they could not proceed in the King's service, &c. Dated 7 July 1694. 1 *page.*

July 7. 73. Letter of the Duke of Bolton to the Lords of the Treasury, on the appointment of Com^rs to inquire into abuses in the New Forest. He says, if their Lordships put in the 10 persons named, "or 10 saints," it signified nothing, unless he had the naming of an indifferent person to carry the commission, and to have money to defray the charge of it, for if both be put into "Mr. Ryleys, the criminal's hands, he will find some way to evade it, as he has done this two years." Dated 7 July 1694.

Warrant for viewing the forest and three lists of names of Com^rs proposed. The last has the following minute on the back:—"A commission to bee prepared with the names of the Commissioners in this paper, or any 5 of them a quorum." 5½ *pages.*

July 9. 74. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had examined Sir William Courtnay's petition, and the matters therein were properly determinable by the common law; transmitting the Solicitor-General's report, which sets out the whole case; the lands to which it relates were Garryfeine and Cloienefert, in the county of Limerick. Dated 9 July 1694.

There are divers other papers relating thereto. 11 *pages and* 5 *halves.*

July 9. 75. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that by the Act for tonnage of shipping the duties were to be paid down, or bonds given within a month after the clearing the ship, and for the former 10 *per cent. per ann.* was allowed by way of rebate; the Com^rs proposed that those who paid within 15 days after the clearing the ship should enjoy the whole month's discount; and after that they should have no benefit for the residue of the month. Dated 9 July 1694.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

July 10. 76. Letter of the Earl of "Romney," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, which enclosed a memorial from the principal officers of the Board of Ordnance, relating to the purchase of a house at Portsmouth for the use of the Ordnance office, begging them to consider and give orders about the same. Dated 10 July 1694.

Minuted:—"To send them a letter that they do contract for it at the best rate for the King."

Also the memorial referred to. 2 *pages* (1 *quarto*).

July 11. 77. Memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their directions and a supply of

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money for making a prison at the old mills near Plymouth, for securing prisoners at war. Dated 11 July 1694.

Minuted:—"5 7br. '94. To be consd next time."

Also an order in council, a previous memorial of the above commissioners, and a report and estimate of their agent; all relating to the prison. 6 *pages.*

July 23. 78. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Parsons, Esq., showing that he was dismissed from the command of a company in the regiment of guards, having grown infirm by the gout, and was appointed a land surveyor in the port of London, which he exchanged for a King's waitership, though not above half the yearly value, being forced to execute it by a deputy; and praying to be allowed to transfer it to Samuel Gould, gent.; informing their Lordships that the constant and continued practice of the board had been, by all means, to discountenance and discourage any private agreements, for the surrendering or obtaining any of the places upon the establishment; that the filling up the same might be, without any other consideration than the fitness of the person presented; but for patent offices, the Comrs had always looked upon them as bounties in the hands of the Crown, or their Lordships, being generally bestowed upon persons with power to execute by deputy, and therefore the Comrs had always been passive and easy in the transaction of these grants when their Lordships had referred them to the board, not thinking it became them to enter into the consideration of the merits or services for which they were bestowed, nor to concern themselves so much about the qualification of the person as to make provision for good deputies, and especially for such of the patent offices as have been held for life, the board had been always forward to make way for those surrenders, believing it greatly for the advantage of the Crown and the ease of the management to take in those grants and give out others for pleasure; and in the present case they had nothing to object against the transfer. Dated 23 July 1694.

Accompanied by the petition. 2½ *pages.*

July 23. 79. The demands of Robert Lord Lucas, chief governor of the Tower of London, for safe keeping the prisoners there, according to the retrenchment made by King Charles the Second, &c. They are quarterly accounts from 25 June 1693 to 24 June 1694.

The following are the names of the prisoners:—

The Earl of Clancarty, Col. Mac Elliott, Col. Dorrington, and Viscount Falkland.

The ancient allowance for the Earl and Viscount was 10*l.* a week, but then reduced to 2*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* each, and for the others 3*l.* a week, reduced to 13*s.* 4*d.*

With a note that the demands agree with former bills. Dated 23 July 1694. 4 *pages.*

July 24. 80. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Col. Gustavus Hamilton, for a grant of forfeited lands, in a schedule annexed; being the lands forfeited by

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the outlawry and attainder of Roger O'Shaghnassy, for high treason; recommending him as a fit person for their Majesties' favour; but leaving it to them whether they would grant any of the estates until the forts and garrisons were put in repair. Dated 24 July 1694.

Minuted:—"To tarry till the King comes to determine ye pretencons of him & Sir H. Belasyse." 2 *pages.*

July 24. 81. Copy of a letter from the Comrs of Customs to the collector of Dover, stating that a great part of the coast of Kent is unguarded, particularly from the North Foreland to Whitstable, and that quantities of wool had been shipped and silk, &c. landed; desiring him to appoint a riding surveyor there, giving him a proper station, with particular instructions frequently to visit Herne Bay and other the most suspicious places. Dated 24 July 1694. ½ *page.*

July 24. 82. Memorial of Valemon de Medina to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that his friends Machado and Pereyra had "remonstrated to His Majesty," that it was impossible to provide the army any further, if their arrears were not paid, and the King had assured them that he had given their Lordships positive orders to pay all their arrears to 1 May last; which would amount to about 24,000*l.*, besides what was furnished since; praying that the money might be paid to him. Dated 24 July 1694.

Endorsed:—"Valemon de Medina[s] humble remonstrance."

[The arrears were due for transporting corn, &c. for the army in Flanders.] See *Letter Book*, vol. 8, p. 385. ¾ *page.*

July 24. 83. Report of the agents for bringing in taxes, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Cawthorpe and Christopher Rands, gent., receivers-general in the county and city of Lincoln of the first and second 12 months' aid, the first quarterly poll and the review thereof, and the first 4*s.* aid: recommending the allowance to them of 320*l.* for their extraordinary charges. Dated 24 July 1694.

The petition and six other documents relating thereto. 13 *leaves.*

[About July 24.] 84. Petition of "the three French regiments," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing their hardships in receiving nothing upon the off-reckonings of the year 1693, which would be their total ruin by the interest they had to pay the clothiers; praying payment.

Minuted:—"24 July '94. Referr'd to Mr. Lowndes." 1 *page.*

[? About July 24.] 85. Petition of Christopher Dodsworth, merchant, for himself and others, showing that there were great sums due to the Crown from the East India and Royal African Companies, for seizing ships and goods from interlopers, trading within the limits of their respective charters without licence, which had been discovered by the petitioners; and the companies, upon prosecution, were ordered to pay 75*l.* each; but the East India Company had lately had a discharge granted them, both as to the tenths due for what was taken from the Mogul, as also for their Majesties' moiety of what they took

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from the interlopers; praying for an order for one third of the 130*l.* paid into the Exchequer.

Minuted:—"24 July '94. This mony is paid to the prosecutors of the East India forfeitures." 1 *page.*

July 27. 86. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to their presentment of 2 March last, respecting advances to Vice-Admirals for raising seafaring men for the fleet, and urging that the Com^rs^ of the Navy might have directions to make out the bills for the sums mentioned in the schedule. Dated 27 July 1694.

Minuted:—"To the Commiss. of Navy, that they pay these sums to the severall collectors upon their oaths that they have made payments as is within mentioned, and to charge the several persons to account for it."

The presentment and schedule referred to. 4 *pages.*

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Aug. 1. 1. Letter signed "Phil. Ryley," to the Lords of the Treasury, as to various charges made against him for spoils committed in the New Forest, and as to a commission of inquiry about abuses committed by him. He complains more particularly against the Duke of Bolton. Dated 1 Aug. '94. 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 1. 2. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captain Betsworth, a captain of the regiment of fuzileers, (commanded by Col. Edw. Fitzpatrick,) who prayed His Majesty's bounty, having lost his leg through a wound at the battle of Landen. The report states that in the late King's time a year's pay was allowed for the loss of a limb, but that there was no regulation of that kind since His Majesty's accession, Dated 1 Aug. 1694.

Minuted:—"To be layd afore y^e^ Queen." *Again*:—"To speak to my L^d^ Ranelagh, that ye pet^r^ be releived by a contingent w^t^ [warrant] without making a precedent."

The petition. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 2. 3. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Martha Jackson, relict and executrix of William Jackson, lately deceased, in respect to the grant of customs of smalts, barillia, and potashes, which was granted in 1664, to William, late Earl of Kinnoul, for 31 years, and leased by him to Thomas Broderick and Benj. Martin, at a rent of 940*l. per ann.*, which lease, by assignment was vested in the petitioner and her husband. She had petitioned for a confirmation of the same, and hoped for relief, but

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instead had received a summons to pay what she had received since 5 Nov. 1688, to comply with which would be her undoing: in favour of the equity of her pretentions for a continuance of the grant. Dated 2 Aug. 1694.

Minuted:—"15 December 1694, w^th^ y^e^ King. The King orders that y^e^ pet^r^ answering the reserved rent of 940*l.* p ann. shall have or be discharged of the overplus of y^e^ dutys."

The petition, a certificate, copy of a report of 1690, on the same subject, and "the case" of the said Martha Jackson. 6 *pages.*

Aug. 2. 4. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Pennington, gent., desiring to surrender his appointment of King's waiter of London, to Mr. Thomas Harrison: not objecting to the transfer. Dated 2 Aug. 1694.

Accompanied by the petition. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 4. 5. Report of Sir Edw. Ward to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Rt. Hon. Eliz. Countess Dowager of Anglesey, admitting that it might be true as to the debt to her late husband, claimed in the petition, but that he had no proof thereof. On the prayer for the grant of a lease of certain land within the Bar of Barnstable, over which the sea flowed, as part compensation for the debt, he gives the following opinion: "If a commicion shall be awarded, and it shall be found by inquisition that any land is derelict by the sea, such derelict lands doth of common right belong to the Crowne, though a lord of a manor where the same are derelict may have the same by prescription; but that being a derivative or secondary right, must be made out, but the common right and intendment is for the Crowne, and after such inquisition finding and seizing the said land, the Crowne will be intituled thereto; and then, & not till then, may grant y^e^ same or any part thereof, as their Ma^ties^ shall think fit, subject nevertheless, to such tytle as any others have thereto." Dated 4 Aug. 1694.

Accompanied by the petition and an affidavit as to the land. 1 *page and* 2 *parts of pages.*

Aug. 6. 6. Letter of Sir John Hoby and divers other commissioners appointed to examine abuses in the sales of timber in the New Forest, stating that they had proceeded from their several habitations to attend that service. Finishing thus: "We found his Grace [the Duke of Bolton] much dissatisfied to give us soe much trouble to noe purpose." [It would appear that Mr. Travers, the Surveyor-General, who should have taken the lead in the Commission, had failed in his engagement.] Dated 6 Aug. 1694. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 10. 7. Copy of a letter of the Com^rs^ of Customs, to Mr. Beverton, at Canterbury, referring to the letter of 24 July, and stating that the collector of Dover had appointed Joshua Simpson to reside at Herne [as riding surveyor], and stating that they expected Mr. Beverton would keep up a correspondence with Simpson, and frequently visit the furthermost part of that district. Dated Lyndhurst, 10 Aug. 1694. 1 *page.*

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Aug. 10. 8. Memorial of Sir Christopher Wren, Surveyor-General of works, to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth various encroachments on Somerset House; referring it to their Lordships to deal with them. Dated 10 Aug. 1694.
Minuted:—"Mr. Simon Smith to see this, and S^r^ Xpof^r^ Wrenn on Tuesd. morn." ½ *page.*

Aug. 13. 9. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had received Her Majesty's instructions to pay Col. Henry Luttrell six months of his pension, but that under the sign manual, they had been commanded the contrary; stating that the condition of the revenue would not bear it, &c.; praying them to lay the same before the Queen for her consideration. Dated 13 Aug. 1694. 2 *pages.*

[About Aug. 17.] 10. Petition of Isaac Marryott, gent., addressed to the Queen, setting forth that his claim for consideration for various discoveries of concealed revenues, made to the benefit of the Crown, had been referred to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Bridgewater, and divers others, to report thereon; begging that the matter might be referred to the Lords of the Treasury. With a memorandum at the foot, that it was so referred, on 17 Aug. 1694. Another paper relating thereto. Also another petition to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that the matter might be referred to Sir John Somers, K^t^, and Mr. Solicitor General.
Minuted:—"28 Aug. '94. My Lords thought formerly that this patent was vexacious & illegally obteyned, and therefore they directed a *scire facias* to be brought for vacating the same." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 21. 11. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs at Dublin to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Fenn, collector of their Majesties' customs at Wexford, as to a recompense to him, for having seized certain stores of the late King James, at Wexford. Dated 21 Aug. 1694.
Also three petitions and a certificate relating thereto. 8 *pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 22. 12. Letter of the Com^rs^ of Prizes to Henry Guy, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the purchase of certain salt out of prize ships at Plymouth, Portsmouth, and Dartmouth, for their Majesties' service. Dated 22 Aug. 1694. 1 *page.*

After Aug. 22. 13. A state of the pay of the regiment of foot, lately commanded by Col. Godfrey Lloyd, in the West Indies, made up to the 1st of April 1693. Without date.
A warrant of 22 Aug. 1694 is mentioned. 1 *page.*

Aug. 27. 14. Letter signed J. Trenchard, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had received from Mr. Blathwayt a letter, written by the Prince of Tuscany to Consul Blackwell, enclosing a translation for their opinion, how far it might be proper to gratify that

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Prince, which His Majesty was "very inclinable to do." Dated 27 Aug. 1694.

The enclosure is not now with it. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 28. 15. Memorial of the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had in some small measure assuaged the cries of the poor people at Portsmouth, Gosport, and Dartmouth; but they were continually crying to them from Rochester, Chatham, Deal, Dover, Gravesend, Deptford, &c.; further that they had received no money for the prisoners of war, for a year, and the prisoners, being about 700 in number, famished for want of subsistence; praying earnestly for a supply. Dated 28 Aug. 1694. 1 *page*.

Aug. 31. 16. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on certain ships which had imported goods contrary to the Navigation Act. Dated 31 Aug. 1694.

Accompanied by a list of the ships, and another paper relating thereto. 4 *pages*.

Aug. 16 and 31. 17. Copy of a letter signed George Plater, addressed to his Excellency [? Col. Nicholson], stating that he had lately received a letter from the Auditor General to render a state of his account of the revenue collected, to his Excellency Col. Francis Nicholson, their Governor, who was directed by their Majesties to return for England, a full account of that province since the Revolution, and to state the same there, pursuant to which he had rendered an account, but found a difficulty in passing "that article of five hundred pounds" paid to his Excellency. His Excellency the Governor was desirous of further satisfaction thereon; begging for a full and satisfactory answer, as he was himself liable. Dated Maryland, 16 Aug. 1694.

Also a brief reply thereto. Dated 31 Aug. 1694. 2 *pages*.

Sept. 1. 18. "Articles of agreement with John Evans for building a house for the Admiralty Office," viz., on the site of Wallingford House, near Whitehall, lately belonging to George Duke of Buckingham, deceased. Dated 1 Sept. 1694.

Also the specification. 5 *pages*.

Sept. 5. 19. Letter signed "Ni. Parle," addressed to Sir Fleetewood Sheppard, stating that his son acquainted him that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was one of the Lords of the Treasury, was informed that he was dead, contradicting the report, but confessing he was afflicted with the stone for the last 12 or 14 years. Dated Sewardstone, 5 Sept. 1694.

Accompanied by an affidavit that he was living. 2 *half pages*.

Sept. 6. 20. Letter signed John Povey, addressed to Mr. Guy, in relation to the proceedings of the General Assembly of Virginia, in respect of the Act for ports in that Colonysuspended by Her Majesty's order;

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sending an abstract of the proceedings of the Assembly to the Lords of the Treasury, for their opinion. Dated 6 Sept. 1694. 1 *page.*

Sept. 6. 21. Letter of Mr. John Povey to Mr. Guy, sending an estimate received from the Principal officers of the Ordnance for the consideration, &c. of their Lordships. Dated 6 Sept. 1694.

The estimate is not now enclosed.

Minuted:—"That they have spoken wth off[icers of] O[rdnance] & have adjusted wth them the paym^{t} of ye mo. necessary for sending away these stores." ¾ *page.*

Sept. 6. 22. Order in Council for provisions and stores of war to be sent with the ships of war and two regiments of foot intended for Jamaica, against the French in those parts, &c. Dated 6 Sept. 1694. ½ *page.*

Sept. 6. 23. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition to Her Majesty, of William Malthus, who prayed that their Majesties' part of the forfeiture of a large ship, which he expected from Norway, laden with masts, &c., might be remitted; declining to encourage such a practice. Dated 6 Sept. 1694.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"The importation cannot be permitted." 2 *pages.*

Sept. 10. 24. Presentment to the Lords of the Treasury, by the Com^{rs} of Transportation, being an estimate of the charge of freight, beds, &c., for 1,700 men to Jamaica. Dated 10 Sept. 1694.

The contents of this are identical with the enclosure in the letter of 12 Sept. (No. 27.) 1 *page.*

Sept. 11. 25. Presentment by the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they then had under deliberation, a scheme for regulating several methods then in practice at the Custom house, for the better security and considerable advance of the revenue; more particularly drawing attention to the impost account of tobacco and sugar; and suggesting remedies to prevent the like disorders hereafter. Dated 11 Sept. 1694. 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 11. 26. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them divers estimates of repairs necessary at Sheerness, Bridlington Fort, Tinmouth Castle, Cliffords-fort near North Shields, and Languard Fort. Dated 11 Sept. 1694. 10 *pages.*

Sept. 12. 27. Letter of John Povey to William Lowndes, Esq., stating that the Committee of Trade and Plantations had received from the Com^{rs} for Transportation, an estimate of the charges of transportation for 1,700 men, and 230 tons of ordnance stores to Jamaica; of which he enclosed a copy, for their Lordships' consideration: further stating that the Committee had agreed that a Commissary-General of the stores and provisions should be appointed to attend the

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expedition, who might execute the office of Paymaster, Commissary of the musters, and Judge advocate of the forces; and they intended to name Mr. Murray, late Commissary at Hounslow Heath, for the same, and suggested that he should have 500*l. per ann.*, and 120*l. per ann.*, for his clerks; and that 20*s.* a day should be allowed for a physician, 200*l. per ann.* to an apothecary, and 50*l. per ann.* to his mate. Dated 12 Sept. 1694.

Accompanied by the estimate of freight, &c., from the Transport Office. Dated 10 Sept. 1694. 2¼ *pages.*

Sept. 13. 28. Copy of a letter from the Com^rs for Victualling the Navy, to John Povey, Esq., enclosing copy of the estimate delivered to the Lords of the Treasury, for the charge of 1,700 men for Jamaica. Dated 13 Sept. 1694.

Also the estimate, dated 7 Sept. 1694. 1½ *pages.*

Sept. 14. 29. A rough draft, in Mr. Lowndes' hand-writing, entitled "a state of all the dutys upon goods imported and exported;" showing of what they consisted.

Docquetted:—"State of the revenues, p. M. Lowndes." Dated 14 Sept. 1694. 5 *pages and* 2 *lines.*

Sept. 14. 30. Copy of report of Lord Ranelagh, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Earl of Macclesfield, praying for the same proportion to be allowed to the clothiers of his regiment as was allowed to others; viz., as to the amount of the off-reckonings due, one third of which were allowed to other regiments. Dated 14 Sept. 1694. 1 *page.*

Sept. 17. 31. Report of the Com^rs for Transportation, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Beach and others, masters of ships formerly taken up by the Com^rs for Victualling the Navy, in favour of their being allowed certain freights. Dated 17 Sept. 1694.

Minuted:—"A letter to the Commissioners to make up this account by the month."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 17. 32. Report of Lord Ranelagh, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Jacob Vanderesch, Esq., praying them to assign some fund to satisfy the tradesmen who supplied the Dutch regiments with clothes and accoutrements; viz., as to the state of the off-reckonings of the regiments. Dated 17 Sept. 1694.

Minuted:—"September 19^th, '94. My Lords will do this in a short time."

Accompanied by the memorial. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 18. 33. Memorial of Officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the arrear for sea service was 77,326*l.* 6*s.*, and for land service, 50,165*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, which made them very importunate for a considerable allotment of money, that their debt was vastly increased by the sea expeditions and by the great supply of stores

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then being sent to the Mediterranean and the West Indies; praying them to consider the consequences from the disappointment of the artificers who received as ready money 20,000*l.* tallies; the gun-makers had represented their miserable condition, by the stoppage of their 500*l.* weekly payments, and had an arrear of 5000*l.*; earnestly recommending the payment of both; further drawing attention to the damage on the Medway, for want of repair as represented by the store keeper at Upnor. Dated 18 Sept. 1694. 1 *page.*

Sept. 18. 34. Memorial of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, representing that there was unassigned 20,835*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*; that there was 5,000*l.* weekly to be assigned, to answer this years declaration of 3,500 men for 13 months; that the charge of 21,000 men's victuals for three months, for the Straits, amounted to 46,472*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.*; that the charge of the 1,700 men for Jamaica amounted to 7,088*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*; 2,648*l.* had only been assigned to the two last services, they saw no probability of effecting these services, unless moneys were assigned. Dated 18 Sept. 1694. 1 *page.*

Sept. 19. 35, Letter from Mr. Povey to Mr. Guy, concerning provisions for the 1,700 men going to Jamaica, &c. Dated 19 Sept. 1694. 1¼ *pages.*

Sept. 24. 36. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a petition of Mr. Brunskill, for their consideration. Dated 24 Sept. '94.

The petition is not now with it. ½ *page (quarto.)*

Sept. 24. 37. Presentment by the Com^rs^ for Transportation, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what ships were hired by them by the month, and what amount of provisions were furnished. Dated 24 Sept. 1694. 1¼ *pages.*

Sept. 25. 38. Letter of Mr. John Povey to Mr. Guy, stating that the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations, had appointed to meet at the Council Chamber, Whitehall, on the morrow, and expected to receive the report of the Lords of the Treasury, on the estimate for transporting 1,700 men, &c., to Jamaica. Dated 25 Sept. 1694. 1 *page.*

Sept. 25. 39. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance, to the Lords of the Treasury, representing the great necessity the office was in, for a large supply for the land and sea service, the train abroad, foreign bills, &c.; finishing thus "your Lords^pps^ have bin alwaies so kind as to pardon our troublesome addresses, when their Ma^ts^ affaires have not permitted you to assist us; but we are now brought to such a pinch, in point of credit, for carrying on our business, that a small chiding and a round sum would please us better." Dated 25 Sept. 1694.

Minuted:—"When Board full." 1 *page.*

Sept. 25. 40. Warrant of the Lords of the Treasury, to the Auditor of the Revenues in the county of Nottingham, to allow 35*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* on the account rendered by Walter Laycock, surveyor of woods, north of

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Trent, of moneys arising from wood sales; viz., for his travelling expenses. Dated 25 Sept. 1694.

Also the account of his travelling expenses. 2 *pages.*

[? About Sept. 25.] 41. Petition of Robert Guy, tidesman in fee, in the port of London, praying to be appointed surveyor of Bow and Ham Creek, in place of Mr. Fletcher, dismissed.

Minuted:—"25 Sept. '94. Ref. to Commiss. of Cust." 1 *page.*

Sept. 26. 42. Presentment by the Com^rs^ for Transportation, to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth the charges they had been at, in transporting 1,700 soldiers to Jamaica; their Lordships having ordered 5,000*l.* for that purpose. Dated 26 Sept. 1694. 1 *page.*

Sept. 27. 43. Order in Council referring the petition of William Bowtell, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, to consider the allegations therein, and report on them. The copy of the petition (which is annexed) sets forth, that since the last war with Algiers, the petitioner had redeemed about 400 English captives; and there was due to him above 7,000*l.*; that he had petitioned the King that his accounts might be examined, and the Lords of the Treasury reported thereon (a copy of which is annexed); 746*l.* was owing to him for 20 captives, and Mr. Squibb at his death had 300*l.* in hand of the captives' money, collected by brief; and the petitioner prayed that sum might be allowed him. Dated 27 Sept. 1694.

Minuted:—"17xbr. '94, Mr. Lowndes to call before him the exec^rs^ & pet^r^, & to adjust what is in their hands, applicable tow^ds^ the pet^rs^ debt, & to informe my Lords."

"Ult. May 1695. My Lords will direct process ag^t^ the ex^rs^ for this & y^e^ *Teller* for Gil Gourdons* mony, unless they att. & pay forthw^th^."

The copy of the report of the Lords of the Treasury, includes a copy of a report made to them by Mr. Lowndes and Mr. Robert Squibb, which contains curious information about the captives referred to, many of whom died of the plague. 4½ *pages.*

Sept. 28. 44. Warrant of the Lords of the Treasury, for the appointment of John Hewitt, gent., as Receiver-General of the Land Revenue, in the counties of Lincoln, Warwick, and Leicester. Dated 28 Sept. 1694. 1 *page.*

Sept. 28. 45. Report of the Lords of the Treasury to the King, on the petition of the Principal officers of the Ordnance, in behalf of themselves and others on the establishment; praying a warrant to reimburse the moneys they had paid for taxes on account of their salaries; certifying that they had applied to that board for relief, on the ground, that they were exempted as military persons, from the taxations; offering the report of the Attorney-General thereon; but their Lordships did not feel at liberty to stay any process against them. The petitioner's might have been heard in the

* There is considerable difficulty in reading the passage *in italics.*

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Minuted:—"15xber. 1694, w^th^ y^e^ King. Granted."

Also the report mentioned; "The case of the Officers of the Ordnance"; three lists of persons who paid the aid; and four letters thereon. 12 *pages and* 6 *halves.*

Sept. 28. 46. Abstract of the Lords of the Treasury's minutes, on reading the report of the auditors of the imprests, on Sir Josiah Child, and partners' accounts for victualling the navy, 1672 and '73. Dated 28 Sept. '94.

Also copy of report from the auditors of the imprests, upon the demands of the said Sir Josiah Child, &c. Dated Oct. 1685, and a duplicate copy, with a few lines added at the end and sundry notes in the margin. Dated 9 March 1685-6. 17½ *pages.*

[? About Sept.] 47. Petition of Wyndham Buller, daughter and sole heiress of Col. Anthony Buller, deceased; showing that 3,436*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* had been voted to her father by Parliament in 1660, and the interest only paid to 1678; since which her mother dying, the interest had ceased for want of being solicited, and the petitioner was greatly distressed, as appeared by the certificate of Sir Robert Howard: praying payment of the interest until the principal was paid.

Accompanied by the certificate. Dated 31 Aug. 1694.

Minuted:—"The only favour my Lords can show in this case is, to have this demand consider'd equally w^th^ y^e^ banquiers." 11½ *pages.*

[About Sept.] 48. Memorial of Col. Lillingston to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that his regiment was appointed for Jamaica, to be ready by the 14th of October, and that they would require clothing necessary for the climate; praying an order for the off-reckonings amounting to 2,549*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.*, and in addition (as a sufficient quantity of shoes, stockings, &c., would be required, for which 6*d.* a week was detained from the soldier), praying that the 6*d.* a week might be paid here, whilst the regiment was abroad; and further that a sum on account of the colonel's arrears, might be ordered, to provide his equipage. Without date, but most likely Sept. 1694, by comparison with other papers. 1 *page.*

[About Sept.] 49. Petition of William Tudsbury, woodward of their Majesties Hayes of Birkland and Bilhay, in the Forest of Sherwood; showing that he had taken great pains in preserving the wood, in the time of the Revolution, &c., and that the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Chief Justice in Eyre, north of Trent, granted him a salary of 10*l.* a year, viz., for three years, 30*l.*, out of the dotard and dead trees: praying confirmation thereof.

Also the grant by the Duke of Devonshire, with a note that it was referred to Walter Laycock, Esq., Surveyor-General of Woods, north of Trent, on 12 Sept. 1694.

Minuted:—"Agreed to the report," but the report is not now with it. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 2. 50. Excise Commissioners presentment for setting up a boat at Deal, to prevent the running of brandy. Dated 2 Oct. 1694.
Minuted:—"Agreed & an order to be sent for it." 1 *page.*

Oct. 3. 51. Report of Lord Ranelagh, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Morine "sutler;" praying payment of 731*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*, due to him for fire and candle, and other disbursements, for the guards at Whitehall, Kensington, the Savoy, &c.; setting out the state of the account. Dated 3 Oct. 1694.
Also the petition and "Thomas Morin, the suttlers contingent bill." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 4. 52. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had received no considerable allotment for land and sea service, which they had earnestly desired in divers memorials, and the artificers were reduced to great extremities, the arrears for land service being 73,626*l.*, and for sea service 50,165*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; asking for 50,000*l.* on each head; reminding their Lordships of the 20,000*l.* tallies upon the land tax, which were nothing worth, and there was 8,000*l.* arrear upon foreign bills unprovided for: closing with a request for 5,000*l.* for the gunmakers. Dated 4 Oct. 1694. 1 *page.*

Oct. 8. 53. Report of Sir Edw. Ward to the Lords of the Treasury, as to an abatement desired in an annexed petition of Sir Benjamin Newland, of London, merchant, on certain spirits imported, stating that he could not see that they were empowered to make the abatement. Dated 8 Oct. 1694.
The report of the Com^rs^ of Excise, the petition, and a certificate. 3½ *pages.*

[About Oct. 9.] 54. Petition of Capt. Adrian Vanderlin, to the Lords Justices of Ireland, touching a small privateer called the "Duke of Bavaria," of 35 tons, laden with French salt, some thread, and four trusses of linen cloth, arrived at Waterford; praying permission to enter the same and pay the duties. Also another copy.
Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 9 Oct. 1694.
Two other papers, one of which is the opinion of Sir Richard Levinge, relating thereto (all copies). 4 *pages.*

Oct. 9. 55. Letter from Mr. John Povey to Mr. Guy, stating that the Committee of Trade and Plantations desired their Lordships to report to them the instructions they thought necessary to be given to Mr. Murray, Commissary of the Provisions for Jamaica, &c. Dated 9 Oct. 1694. ¾ *of a page.*

Oct. 9. 56. Memorial of the Officers of Ordnance, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had hitherto put off the importunities of the artificers, hoping the arrears on the land service of 71,776*l.*, and of the sea service of 50,165*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, would be paid, &c.; that they had had nothing but small weekly distributions, from hand to mouth, "which sinks the credit of the office;" drawing attention to the arrears due to the gunsmiths, and the bills of exchange from abroad unprovided for. Dated 9 Oct. 1694. 1½ *pages.*

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Oct. 9. 57. Letter of the Com^rs of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the powder had been removed from Greenwich House, and the Laboratory, near adjoining, to Gravesend and Tilbury, and they were in consequence obliged to build a new powder house in some more convenient place; which must be ready by the time Admiral Russel was home from the straits; laying an estimate thereof before their Lordships, and desiring 500*l.* to be paid weekly. Dated 9 Oct. 1694.

There are two estimates, the first is thus entitled :—"An estimate for building a new magazine for powder, & a convenient wharfe for shipping & unshiping into and out of the same, as alsoe for building a proofe-house & a dwelling house for the storekeeper," and the second,—"An estimate for building a labouratory in the warren att Tower place att Woolwich." 3¼ *pages.*

Oct. 10. 58. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Barbara Lower, wife of William Lower, a captain in the regiment of foot, under command of Colonel Edward Lloyd, as to an allowance out of arrears of pay due to her husband; she being a native of Holland, and having sued her husband for a separate maintenance, and the law there having allowed her 50*l.* *per annum.* Dated 10 Oct. 1694.

The petition and a translation of the sentence at Rotterdam, in her favour.

Minuted :—"A letter to my L. Ranelagh to do this." 5 *pages.*

Oct. 11. 59. Abstract of His Majesty's order to Consul Baker, to repair to Tripoli to renew the peace with that Government.

Accompanied by another paper (a copy) headed :—

"Additional articles to Sir John Narborough's treaty, made, concluded and agreed upon, between the most serene and mighty monarch William the Third," &c., "and the most illustrious Lords the Bassa Dey, Agha and Divan of the city and kingdom of Tripoli, by Thomas Baker, His Maj^ts late agent & consul at Algier, the 11^th day of October 1694." 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 12. 60. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Queen, on the petition of Capt. Chabrole who served as a re-formed captain in the French regiment of foot, commanded by Major-General la Melionere, during the war of Ireland; recommending that if the Queen should think fit to pay him, he should be removed from the establishment of Ireland, and placed on the Earl of Ranelagh's list, as some others had been. Dated 12 Oct. 1694.

Minuted :—"8 Jan^ry 1695-6, 100^l to be p̃d."

The petition (in French) and another petition in English. Also "List of several French pensioners to be continued in pay notwithstanding their absence from Ireland." 4 *pages.*

Sept. 8 and Oct. 13. 61. "Richard Earl of Ranelagh, Paym^r Gen^ll of their Ma^ts Forces, his acco^t for 8 months, from the 1^st of May 1689 incl. to the last of Dec^r following :—Declared 8 Sept. 1694, "Charles Fox Esq^r & Tho. Lord Coningesby their acco^t for the Danish Forces, from 4^th Nov. 1689 to the 1^st of April 1692." Declared 13 Oct. 1694.

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"John Knight Esq^r, Rec^r Gen^ll & cashier of the customes, his cash acco^t of the imp^o on silks & lynnen, & other things, for one year ended att Michas 1693." Declared 13 Oct. 1694. 3¼ *pages.*

Oct. 16. 62. Letter of Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Guy, signifying the King's permission for Mr. James Sanderson, son of Lord Castleton, one of the Com^rs in the Alienation Office, to travel and remain some time with my Lord Lexington at Vienna, if consistent with the execution of that office, that leave might be passed in the usual form. Dated Hague, $\frac{16}{26}$ Oct. 1694. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 16. 63. Memorial of the Officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the arrears on the land and sea service, under each of which heads, less than 50,000*l.* will not extricate them from their difficulties; and respecting the lamentable case of the artificers who will be utterly ruined, without they have some better fund assigned them than the 20,000*l.* tallies from the land tax. Dated 16 Oct. 1694. 1 *page.*

Oct. 16. 64. The Earl of Ranelagh's memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the various sums making up 50,170*s.* 0*s.* 10¾*d.*, requisite to carry on his department. Dated 16 Oct. 1694. 2 *pages.*

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Oct. 19. 1. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had referred the petition of Sir Christopher Wandesford, Bart., to the Solicitor-General, which petition prayed a grant of their Majesties' right to the benefit of a decree, obtained by "the Brennans" in the Court of Chancery there, for the payment of certain legacies left by the petitioner's grandfather to some of that name; enclosing the report of the Solicitor-General. The documents concern the territory of Idough in the co. of Kilkenny. Dated 19 Oct. 1694.

Also the petition, the report, and an abbreviate thereof; leaving it to His Majesty as to whether he would grant the legacies.

Minuted:—"Read 10 Apr. '95. Granted."

[The petition states "that the said sept of the Brenans, being still very numerous, are a great terror to the English inhabitants of that country, and frequently committ many great robberyes, murthers, and were in armes for the late King James," &c.] 7¼ *pages.*

Oct. 20. 2. Letter signed John Povey to Mr. Guy, stating that the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations had received the memorial of Col. Lillingstone, of which the enclosed was a copy, on behalf of his brother's arrears, who was in Col. Hamilton's regiment: begging to have the opinion of the Lords of the Treasury thereon. Dated 20 Oct. 1694.

The copy referred to.

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Minuted:—"24 Oct. '94. My Lords cannot distinguish this, but must stay till the whole is paid."

Also a memorial of Col. Lillingston, in the same terms, to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 5 Oct. 1694. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 3. Letter by command of the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations, enclosing copy of a memorial of Col. Lillingston to them, and desiring their Lordships to return their opinion on Col. Lillingston's former memorial, and further what money or letters of credit would be necessary to be sent with the forces for Jamaica. Dated 20 Oct. 1694.

Accompanied by the copy, complaining to the Lords of the Committee, that the Lords of the Treasury had not ordered any money for making and providing new clothing for the regiment; nor any for his own equipage; so that if the ships had gone out of the river it might be impossible to send them by land, for there were no carts between Exeter and Plymouth. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 4. Copy of Sir George Treby's opinion as to a lease of the manor of Mere, in the county of Wilts, parcel of the duchy of Cornwall. Given on the report hereafter described. Dated 20 Oct. 1694.

Copy of report of Mr. Wm. Harbord, Surveyor-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Matthew Andrewes, for a renewal of the lease: finding that King Charles the Second, in A.D. 1660, granted to Robert Phillip, Esq., one of the gentlemen of the bedchamber for 30 years, certain rents amounting to 79*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*, which lease was assigned to the petitioner in 1665; that the demesnes, warren, and park were again granted in 1670, to Henry North, Esq., for 11 years, in reversion of Mr. Phillip's lease; in 1684 the surveyor had valued the term of 15 years at a fine of 1,000*l.*, and there was charged on the premises for the support of the church above 40*l.* a year, the rent to the King being 45*l.* 10*s.*, and 20*l.* a year more for other incidental charges; advising that a term of 19½ years from Lady Day 1701, might be granted, which might be valued at 1,500*l.*, and further that certain woods might be granted to him, belonging to the manor; and as to the residue of the manor, which was included in Mr. Phillip's lease, it was valued in 1650 at 105*l. per ann.*, and he thought 500*l.* a reasonable fine for the estate desired, the manor being parcel of the duchy of Cornwall could not be granted, but if the King pleased to grant a lease for 30 years and a half from Lady Day 1690, such a lease might be good during the King's life, and until there was a Duke of Cornwall. Dated 24 Aug. 1689. 3½ *pages.*

Oct. 20. 5. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise upon the annexed petition of Richard Kinch, distiller, who was in arrears 250*l.* for his excise duty, recommending that he should be allowed to pay his debt by instalments. Dated 20 Oct. 1694.

Accompanied by the petition.

Minuted:—"29^th^ Oct. '94. Agreed to ye report." 1½ *pages.*

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Oct. 22. 6. The case of Wm. Yardley, under-housekeeper, wardrobe keeper and surveyor, and keeper of their Majesties' gardens and orchards in Greenwich. He prayed that he might have some employment in the hospital to be founded for sick and wounded seamen, in consideration of his loss by the building of the same. Dated 22 Oct. 1694.

Minuted:—"To bee considered when officers of this kind are chosen." 1 *page.*

Oct. 23. 7. Presentment by the Com^rs of Transportation, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to freight, hammocks, bedding, &c. Dated 23 Oct. '94. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 23. 8. Memorial of the Officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury.

Docquetted:—"Concerning taking money for the gunsmiths, in the annuities, and a state of the debt of the office." Dated 23 Oct. 1694.

Accompanied by the state of the debt. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 23. 9. The Earl of Ranelagh's memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the various sums making up 10,338*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*, requisite for payment of forces, &c. Dated 23 Oct. 1694. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 24. 10. An affidavit of William Ennis, Supervisor of the 6th Division in London, as to the charging of John Shorter, victualler at Clerkenwell, for beer and ale brewed by him. Dated 24 Oct. 1694.

[? An enclosure.] 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 24. 11. Letter of Mr. John Povey to Mr. Guy, stating that the Committee of Trade and Plantations had appointed to meet at the Council Chamber at Whitehall on that day, when they expected to receive the opinion of their Lordships upon the estimate of medicines for the Jamaica forces, and upon the estimate of provisions for the sick soldiers. Dated 24 Oct. 1694.

Docquetted:—"M^r Povey ab^t y^e provisions for y^e Jamaica expedition." ½ *page.*

Oct. 24. 12. Copy of a letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had referred the petition of Mr. Alexander Higgins (which prayed that a debt of 400*l.* due from the late Earl of Tyrconnell might be satisfied from the Earl's forfeited estate) to Sir Richard Levinge, the Solicitor-General, transmitting his report thereon, in which he states that it is entirely a matter of favour, if their Majesties see fit to grant the prayer of the petition. Dated 24 Oct. 1694.

Also the report. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Oct. 25. 13. Report of the Com^rs of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, "concerning Mr. Culliford's being employed as a general surveyor of Customs," reminding their Lordships of the constant opinion of the Board against the establishing of an officer of that kind, and referring to other of their reports on the same subject, in which

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they laid before their Lordships the origin of the office, it being at first a constitution of three persons, under the character of Surveyor-General, with a salary of 1,000 marks *per ann.* each, and 20*s.* a day travelling charges ; the reasons why they were sunk and suppressed were that they were unnecessary and burthensome to the revenue. Out of the charge four land surveyors had been established. The Com^rs^ saw no reason to depart from their previous opinions. They had agreed upon a method for a more thorough inspection of the out-ports. Dated 25 Oct. 1694.

Minuted :—"To speak w^th^ y^e^ Comm^rs^ of y^e^ Customs to know whether they will goe y^m^selves."

Enclosing copies of three reports on the same subject, dated 21 June and 22 Aug. 1689, and 23 Sept. 1691 ; and presentments dated 13 Oct. 1679, 9 Dec. 1679, and 14 March 1686–7. 9 *pages or parts of pages.*

Oct. 26. 14. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on an estimate of the charge of provisions for the forces intended for Jamaica. Dated 26 Oct. 1694.

Minuted :—"A letter to my L. Ranelagh that hee draw up instructions to the Commissary for the provisions & musters."

Enclosed is the estimate headed "Provisions for 1,600 men for Jamaica for 2 months or 56 days att short allowance, with beer for their passage;" and another paper from the Transport office. 4 *pages.*

[? About Oct. 26.] 15. Petition of Ann Gourney, widow and relict of Charles Gourney, late a Lieutenant in Col. Langston's regiment of horse, addressed to the Queen, showing that her husband was about 30 years in the service of the Crown, in all the late wars in Ireland and Flanders ; and was slain at the battle of Landen, and had a son killed at the battle of Steenkirk ; the petitioner had a considerable fortune which was mostly spent in the service of the Crown, and having followed her husband into Flanders, on her return, the ship was cast away at the Brill ; so that she was destitute of friends and money, and grown very crazy and infirm, by continual indisposition : praying the grant of a pension.

Referred to their Lordships, 26 Oct. 1694.

Minuted:—"Recommended by y^e^ Bishop of London, to have a reference to y^e^ Treasury." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 27. 16. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that in pursuance of the order in Council of 19 Aug., they had prepared the annexed draught of instructions, necessary for the Commanders of the two vessels, ordered to be employed on the coast of Virginia and Maryland, for the better observance of the Acts of Trade and Navigation. Dated 27 Oct. 1694.

The instructions consist of nine clauses. 9¼ *pages.*

Oct. 28. 17. Memorial of the Earl of Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, showing what sums seemed necessary to be forthwith supplied to his office. Dated 28 Oct. 1694. 1 *page.*

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[? About Oct. 29.] 18. Report signed "Charles Twitty" to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Shirley and Benjamin Gregg, Esqrs., sergeants-at-arms to their Majesties; on the arrears of pay due to them.

Minuted:—"29th Oct. '94. To have tallys as ye rest have had." 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 29.] 19. Petition of the officers of the Royal regiment of horse, under the command of the Earl of Oxford, showing that they had received in tallies 5000*l.*, being part of their arrears, which they were forced to dispose of at 25*l.* and 30*l.* *per cent.* loss; also that they had an assurance that they should have the remainder in ready money, which they expected long before this; praying for payment of the arrears.

Minuted:—"29th Oct. '94. My Lords are not at liberty to take consideration of the Irish arreares at this time." 1 *page.*

[? About Oct. 29.] 20. Petition of William Woollaston and George Fry, sutlers to their Majesties' horse guards; praying that 1,100*l.* or thereabouts, due to them for provisions supplied to the regiment of horse, under the command of the Earl of Oxford, might be stopped in the hands of the Right Hon. the Earl of Ranelagh and paid to them, and not paid to the officers; in regard that some of them do so long keep them out of their money.

Minuted:—"29th Oct. '94. Referr'd to my Ld Ranelagh." 1 *page.*

Oct. 30. 21. Memorial of the officers of the Ordnance, to the Lords of the Treasury; stating that though their Lordships had given them the arrears for sea-service, yet they could not carry on the business of the office, until the arrears for land-service were allowed, and otherwise detailing their difficulties; and further stating that there was about 1,400*l.* due on Mr. Bomhover's account, for arms bought in Holland, which they hoped their Lordships would order: and reminding them, that they omitted 500*l.* in the last week's distribution for the new powder house. Dated 30 Oct. 1694. 2 *pages.*

[About Oct. 30.] 22. Petition of the Comrs of their Majesties' Revenue to the Lords Justices of Ireland, complaining of a scurrilous and false paper, entitled "a view of the usefulness of a Surveyor-General," &c., by Mr. Francis Babe; praying that he might make proof of his assertions, and if he failed that they (the Commissioners) might have right done them. "Delivered by ye Commrs, Oct, 30, 1694."

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 1, 12 April, 1695, is:—

"Mr. Roberts & other Comrs of the Irish Revenue are cald in and informe my Lords that Mr. Babe has exhibited a complaint against some of the sd Irish Comrs before the Comrs of Accots. These Comrs are to be here again on Munda morning." 1 *page.*

Oct. 31. 23. A schedule of such sums as the Earl of Ranelagh desired their Lordships to supply, amounting to 584*l.* 16*s.* Dated 31 Oct. 1694. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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Oct. 31. 24. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Col. Richard Filden, desiring liberty to export a bell, not exceeding 4 cwt., to Barbadoes, for a parish church there, he praying the customs thereon. It was contrary to certain statutes, but their Lordships had permitted it in particular cases. Dated 31 Oct. 1694.
Minuted:—"Agreed."
Accompained by the petition. 1¼ *pages.*

[About Oct. 31.] 25. Memorial of Col. Lillingston to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had viewed the shoes and stockings in the stores, and neither of them were fit for use; the stockings were too thin, and the shoes had been made two years, and if delivered out for Jamaica must burst, as most of those did, which were delivered out in Ireland; asking that their Lordships would order him 1,200*l.* to buy shoes, shirts, &c., that they would order some one to survey the remains of the last West India clothing, furnished by Messrs. Richmond and Cordwent, &c.: since Mr. Fotherby could not settle the account of provisions, during the last expedition, and the soldiers arrears could not be paid, the Colonel prayed for a settlement of the arrears of the officers; and that as much more might be ordered, as was paid to the regiment of Col. Colt., viz., 30*l.* a week, amounting to near 700*l.*; further that their Lordships would order the contingent money to the regiment.
Docquetted:—"Brought by Coll. Lillingston, October 31, 1694."
2 *pages.*

[? About Oct.] 26. The state of the case of Wm. Smith, lessee of Hanbury Park, &c., represented to the Lords of the Treasury.
Docquetted:—"M^r Smith's answer to M^r Guy's letter of the 29^th of Sept^r 1694, touching felling wood at Hanbury Parke." The park was parcel of the honor of Tutbury, in the county of Stafford, which was parcel of the duchy of Lancaster, and was held by the same Smith by assignments from Sir Thomas Morgan, Baronet, and Edward Vernon, Esq., deceased; and the lessee was charged with committing waste in the forest of Needwood, by cutting trees. Without date, but probably soon after the letter. *One large page.*

Nov. 1. 27. Letter by command of the Committee of Trade aud Plantations to the Lords of the Treasury, sending copy of a memorial of Col. Lillingston, concerning the method of paying his regiment in the West Indies, and another from Col. Northcott, relating to the necessary preparations for his regiment to go to Jamaica, for their Lordships' opinion. Dated 1 Nov. 1694.
The latter is not now with it. *A page and a half.*

Nov. 2. 28. Report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Edwin Steed, who was Governor of the island of Barbadoes, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and Receiver-General of the Casual Revenues of the Crown, in the island several years; against whom Thomas Offley, Esq., (who had a grant from their Majesties to sue and recover their tenths of silver, plate, goods, &c., taken from Spanish wrecks, out of the sea in

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America, receiving one moiety himself and answering for the other moiety to their Majesties) had exhibited an information, charging the petitioner with receiving great sums from the wrecks, &c.: recommending the stay of proceedings. Dated 2 Nov. 1694. Also respecting two ships forfeited for trading to Guinea, contrary to the charter of the African Company. Dated 2 Nov. 1694.

Minuted:—"Agreed to Mr Attorney's report."

Four other papers and the petition. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 2. 29. The case and opinions thereon, of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General; respecting the duty on export of the fish called conger, from Plymouth; also copies of two other documents relating thereto. Dated 2 Nov. 1694.

Minuted:—"A letter to bee written to the Commissioners of Excise, that they defend this suit at the King's charge and place it to the account of incidents." 2 *pages.*

Nov. 2. 30. Report of the Comrs of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Sheppard and 19 other merchants of London, showing that by the Act of navigation, wines, currants, &c. must be imported in English shipping, manned with Englishmen, or in ships of the countries where the goods were grown, manned by the people of those countries; and that they had imported goods in English ships manned by the people of those countries, believing that the act was intended to encourage English shipping; notwithstanding which informations were exhibited against them in the Court of Exchequer; on which they prayed for warrants to "*non pros.*" the informations against them: advising that the petitioners ought to be relieved. Dated 2 Nov. 1694.

Minuted:—"A warrant to Mr Attorney for a *nolle prosequi.*"

Accompanied by the petition and copy of a previous report on the same subject. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 3. 31. Letter signed R. Aldworth to Thomas Hopkins, Esq., at Mr. Trenchard's office, Whitehall, stating that the Lords [Justices of Ireland] drew a bill for 1,000*l.* on Mr. Guy, which was answered by him in London, transmitting an account as to the disposal of the same; praying a discharge for the Lords Justices. Dated 3 Nov, 1694.

Also the account. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 3. 32. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland, transmitting the following memorial, and stating that the funds were so low, that it was impossible to meet the payment, and desiring the Lords of the Treasury to prevail with Mr. Lascelles, to continue the whole at interest. Dated 3 Nov. 1694.

Memorial of William Robinson, deputy receiver-general, addressed to the Lords Justices of Ireland, representing that on 29 Sept. last the sum of 8,262*l.* 10*s.* out of quit rents of Ireland, was due (being the 4th of 33,050*l.* lent to their Majesties for the service of Ireland,) to Mr. Richard Lascelles, the assignee of Sir Joseph Herne and others; praying their Lordships to give directions for the payment thereof. 2 *pages.*

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Nov. 5. 33. Letter of T. Fotherby [Commissary of the Stores and Paymaster of the Forces that went to the West Indies], stating that he had lately represented his case to their Lordships, and now prayed they would take into consideration the hardships he had gone through in the late expedition to the West Indies; before he left he was obliged to take up money to furnish himself and his clerks with necessaries, and to give a mortgage on his little estate, the great expenses of his own and their sickness at Barbadoes, together with their burials there, and the little he received for subsistence, did not amount to above half of what was due for pay, and he was liable to forfeit his property, or be arrested; praying for what was due to him; further that the bill of exchange which he drew at Barbadoes, for 500*l.* might be satisfied. Dated 5 Nov. 1694.

Minuted:—"Nothing can bee done till hee makes up his account, & therefore hee is to make it up, of what he hath received & what paid, & where hee hath no vouchers, hee is to make oath."

Enclosing the representation of his case referred to, in which a great deal of information is contained respecting the expedition referred to, and the officers engaged in it, with some of whom the writer was in ill-odour. Dated 22 Oct. 1694. 4 *large pages.*

Nov. 6. 34. An answer returned to the Lords of the Treasury, by the Com^rs^ of Prizes, to the demands made by Capt. Walters, for guns delivered to the office of Ordnance, before the Act of Parliament for encouraging privateers, &c., stating that in the war in 1666, there was no gunnage paid to the captains of the men-of-war, their reward being, where a ship was taken in fight as prize, the goods between decks, and the guns were always delivered to the Com^rs^ of Prizes, appraised and delivered to the Com^rs^ of Ordnance, &c.; and that in the present war by their Majesties' declaration, 10*s.* a ton, and 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per gun were given to the officers and seamen for the capture of a prize ship. Dated 6 Nov. 1694.

Accompanied by the report of the Com^rs^ of Ordnance, dated 12 May 1693, the petition of the said Joseph Walters, commander of the "Charles" galley; and two letters on the same subject. Also a printed copy of their Majesties' declaration above referred to. Dated 23 May 1689. 9 *pages.*

Nov. 6. 35. Letter from Mr. Wm. Bridgeman, to Henry Guy, Esq., secretary to the Treasury, in answer to one from him, acquainting him that they had directed the Navy Board to send their opinion, what additional salary they thought proper should be allowed to the respective clerks of the Navy, who attended the pays and recalls of their Majesties' ships, in lieu of their perquisites. Dated 6 Nov. 1694. ¾ *page.*

Nov. 7. 36. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Timothy Robson and others, merchants of Newcastle, who had imported certain rye, the duty of which, when they bought it, was set at 3*d.* the quarter; but owing to want of convoy the duty, when it arrived, was declared at 18*s.* 8*d.* per

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quarter, not objecting to the export of the same to a foreign market of our allies, &c. Dated 7 Nov. 1694.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"Granted according to the conditions in the report." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 9. 37. Petition of Col. Lillingston to the Lords of the Treasury, praying them to give despatch in ordering moneys for himself and regiment, also something for his equipage; the commissary, Mr. Murray, had already received his money; further praying for the appointment of a clerk to prepare and enter warrants for money, store, &c., or that he might not be held "accountable in writing." Dated 9 Nov. 1694. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Nov. 9. 38. Letter of Mr. Charles Bertie, by command of the Board of Ordnance, to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the deplorable state of the office in reference to the land service, also as to a sum of money promised to gratify the keepers of forests, for having brought persons to justice who had offended against the forest laws in the destruction of vert and venison. Dated 9 Nov. 1694. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Nov. 10. 39. Letter from Mr. Wm. Bridgeman to Henry Guy, Esq., sending an extract from the instructions given to commanders of ships on the doubling their pay; that their Lordships might order the Com^rs^ of Customs to certify the Navy Board how the instructions were observed by each commander. Dated 10 Nov. 1694.

The extract is not now with it. 1 *page.*

Nov. 12. 40. Report of Sir Chr. Wren to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Shute, praying allowance upon his estimate annexed for the repairs of the stables at Hampton Court; approving of the estimate. Dated 12 Nov. 1694.

The petition and estimate. 6 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 12. 41. "Allegations against the Com^rs^ about setting the hearth-money in Ulster," together with "Com^rs^ answer to the allegations." [These are connected with Mr. Babe's charges.]

The paper shows the several sums set on the various counties in the province of Ulster, and was delivered 12 Nov. 1694 to the Lords Justices. 4½ *pages.*

Nov. 13. 42. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of Major Robert Parsons concerning several respites on his company, in the Duke of Bolton's regiment.

Also the memorial stating that if they allowed him the 45*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* it must be by contingent warrant. Dated 13 Nov. 1694. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 13. 43. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lucy Armstrong, praying for 20*l.* out of her

1694. husband's clearings as captain in Sir James Lesly's regiment, and 10*s.* a week for her support out of his subsistence. Dated 13 Nov. 1694.

Minuted:—"If the agent can give a regular receipt for this 20^{li} my Lord Ranelagh will pay it."

There is also a copy of this report, which was read 15 Sept. 1697, and a letter of the petitioner read on the same day, which is minuted "My Lords cannot doe this." 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 14. 44. Francis Babe's answer to the petition of the Com^{rs} of Revenue [in Ireland], addressed to the Lords Justices there, denying that he charged the Com^{rs} in general with conniving at a secret trade with France, or that he charged them therewith in his paper, entitled, "A View of the Usefulness of a Surveyor-general of the Revenue;" except Mr. Carleton, who might probably have connived at it, and carried on such a correspondence unknown to the other gentlemen of the Commission; explaining other parts of the paper, and seeking a full hearing of the matters. Dated 14 Nov. 1694. 1 *page.*

Nov. 14. 45. Letter of Mr. John Povey to Henry Guy, Esq., stating that he had prepared and enclosed the draughts of the two letters to be sent from their Lordships to the Governors of Virginia and Maryland, directing them to cause small vessels with skilful commanders to be hired, to cruise upon the coasts of those colonies and Pennsylvania; to prevent illegal trade. Dated 14 Nov. 1694.

[The letters are not now with the above.] 1 *page.*

Nov. 15. 46. Letter from Lord Lucas to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring they would order some money for the prisoners in the Tower, adding that now they were close they were not able to help themselves, and he could not help them any longer. Dated 15 Nov. 1694.

Enclosing (1.) A letter signed Clancarty and Ro. McElligott, stating that they had lain now near four years under a commitment for high treason, in the Tower, with little hopes of exchange (though contrary to their capitulations), on account of the war in Ireland, and their estates confiscated; that they were made prisoners of state, while others, in like circumstances, had been made prisoners of war; and that the weekly subsistence ordered by Government remained unpaid since the beginning of May 1693; praying for the payment of the arrears, and that they might be paid monthly for the future. Dated Aug. 7, 1694. *Minuted:*—"My Lords will consider the bill."

(2.) The account of moneys due to the Earl of Clancarty and Colonel MacElligott; with a certificate at the foot, by the Earl of Ranelagh, that the sums in the account are not provided for in the establishment.

(3.) "The account of money due for diett and lodging for Colonel Dorrington, since his imprisonment in the Tower of London." 5 *pages, or parts of a pages.*

Nov. 16. 47. Copy of depositions of Thos. Tench, in respect to the administration of the estate of his Excellency Lionel Copley, Esq.,

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Governor of the province of Maryland. Dated 16 Nov. 1694. 3 *pages.*

Nov. 17. 48. Presentment of the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a charge by Sir Richard Atkins, colonel of a regiment of foot then lately transported to Ireland, made against Alderman Tyrer of Liverpool, for having omitted to supply the provisions for the regiment; entirely exculpating him. Dated 17 Nov. 1694.

Copies of divers other letters, &c. delivered to disprove the charge. 5 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

Nov. 21. 49. Memorial of Richard Gibson, appointed by their Lordships to attend paying the recalls, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, praying (1), that their Lordships would order the Com^rs of the Navy to inspect the delivery of tickets, after examination at the ticket office, and a weekly list thereof to be sent to the memorialist: (2), asking if the enclosed advertisement should be published: (3), for allowance of a clerk to attend the recalls, and a messenger: and (4), praying for an order to the Navy Board to deliver to him blank sheets for pay-books, and other stationery.

Accompanied by the copy of the advertisement. Dated 21 Nov. 1694.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 42, 7 June 1695 :— "A warr^t to be p̄pared for Mr. Gibson to inquire of frauds in paym^t of Tickets, & send it to y^e Adm^lty, w^th intimac̄on that my Lords will signe it if they have no objection." 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 21. 50. Memorial of the Com^rs of Customs of Ireland, answering very fully and lucidly in detail a paper written by Mr. Francis Babe, entitled, "A View of the Usefulness of a Surveyor-general," &c., stating generally that they found their whole Commission very scandalously and untruly reflected on. Dated 21 Nov. 1694. 6 *pages.*

Nov. 22. 51. Letter from Mr. Wm. Bridgeman to Henry Guy, Esq., stating that the estimates given by the Lords of the Admiralty last night to the King, were not so perfect as they would have been if there had been more time, their Lordships desired their return, and sent certain papers in their stead. Dated 22 Nov. '94 ½ *page.*

Nov. 23. 52. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir John Edgworth, as to the hardship of having certain men respited on the muster in 1689; in favour of his claim which amounted to 715*l.* Dated 23 Nov. 1694.

Minuted:—"24 June, '95. Respited to be layd before y^e K. It was layd before the King and a third part orderd for his present support, untill more money should com in. That a 100 has been received, and noe more. That 615^li remains due."

Accompanied by the state of the petitioner's case and a report by Lord Ranelagh on the same; which is *minuted*, "Read 3 July, '95. My Lords do not find this to be an Irish arrear," &c. 3 *pages.*

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Nov. 19 to 24. 53. Office of Ordnance. Two letters of the officers of Ordnance and two estimates to be laid before Parliament for sea-service, showing the charge of fitting out vessels of different rates, &c.

Also "an Estimate of the charge of fitting-out a mortar-piece of 13 inches, &c., and 26 at the same rate." Dated 19, 23 and 24 Nov. 1694. 8 *pages.*

Nov. 26. 54. Letter of William Blathwayt to Mr. Guy, stating that the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations had received from the Com^rs^ for Transportation, an estimate of the charges of an Hospital-ship they were providing, by the directions of the Committee for the expedition to Jamaica; sending a copy thereof, in order that the money might be provided. Dated 26 Nov. 1694.

The copy is not now with it. ½ *page.*

Nov. 26. 55. Letter from William Blathwayt to Mr. Guy, stating that he had already signified to him the desire of the Committee of Trade and Plantations, that orders might be given for the payment of the regiments going to Jamaica, to the end the colonels might provide clothing, &c., acquainting him that the ships for the regiments were already upon demurrage, and earnestly desiring the respective colonels might be despatched in the Treasury, in order to the sailing of the ships then in the river, and embarking the regiments at Plymouth. Dated 26 Nov. 1694. 1 *page.*

Nov. 27. 56. Letter of Mr. William Bridgeman to Henry Guy, Esq., inclosing copies of the letters the Lords of the Admiralty had received from the Navy Board, concerning the money in arrear to the Admiralty's estimate of the Navy, and the fund of wear and tear for the year. Dated 27 Nov. 1694.

Accompanied by the five copies referred to. 4½ *pages.*

Oct. and Nov. 57. Five papers consisting of three letters signed John Taylor a petition from him, dated 9 Oct. 1694, and a contract relating to the supply of hemp to the navy and the payment for the same, which was in arrear 9338*l.*; whereby his reputation was at stake both at home and abroad.

The letter dated 21 Nov. 1694, contains in addition the following clause—

"This week arriv'd here a fleet of Sweeds-ships from Gottenbro, where they left Sir Cloudesly Shovell, the 9^th^ inst^t^, with about 70 sayl of ships under his convoy, he having 3 or 4 days before receiv'd orders from the King to joyn the Dutch Fleet, w^ch^ consisted of between 3 & 400 sayl, & were at Elsinure w^th^ 8 or 9 frigatts, these ships say that Sir Cloudsly did imediatly send a leuten^t^ to hasten the Dutch to him, & they supposed that they joynd in 24 hours after their departure, the winds having been favourable, & continuing so, we hourly expect their arrivall, these ships tell me they did not see one privateer in their voyage." 3 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

[? About Nov. 29.] 58. Petition of Francis Babe to the Lords Justices and General Governors of Ireland, for powers to examine witnesses in a charge

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made by him against Christopher Carleton, Esq., one of the Commissioners of Revenue and for the hearing of the matter to be deferred.

Docquetted :—"Received Nov. 29, '94. 1 *page.*

Dec. 1. 59. Letter of Francis Babe to William Lowndes, Esq., at the Treasury Chamber, stating that in his former letter he gave an account of the many shifts and artifices used by the Com^rs of Revenue, to prevail on the Lords Justices, not to give obedience to Her Majesty's letters in his case, and an account of their behaviour in setting the hearth money; acknowledging the favour done him in getting a second letter from the Lords, but he did not find the Queen or the Lords had that prevailing power there which they ought to have, but no fault could be laid to Lord Capel; stating further, that he was violently bated for endeavouring to do service to the Crown, and asking Mr. Lowndes to entreat Mr. Montague to hasten over the letters and papers relating to Mr. Carlton's trade. Dated Dublin, 1 Dec. 1694. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 3. 60. "A memorial of the fees due unto their Ma^ties servants, te King's heralds and pursuivants of arms, for their Majesties' coronation, with such other fees, as are constantly payd therewith, by privy seal." Dated 3 Dec. 1694 on the docquet.

With this memorandum on the back :—"It appears that a privy seale was passed 12^th Jan^ry 1686, for payment to y^e heralds (amongst other things) of the like fees, with those menconed in this paper; excepting only 100^li, w^ch they now insert for the Queen's coronation, being a soveraigne, & 40^li for proclayming of the King & Queen joyntly." *Part of a page* (*quarto*).

[? About Dec. 3.] 61. Petition of Humphry and Sarah Okeover, and others, to the Queen, showing that Francis Browne, a lunatic, had been in the hands of Dr. Adams at "Maribone," for cure of his lunacy, above eight years without effect, and that Charles Maning who placed him there, enjoyed the said Browne's 100*l.* a year, and by sinister contract with Adams rather promoted his lunacy than endeavoured his cure, he being very ill-used by Dr. Adams; further showing that Mary Knight sister of the lunatic desired he might be committed to the petitioners, in order to his cure.

Minuted :—"3^rd Dec. '94. My Lords have nothing to do in this, but the pet^r may apply to my Lord Keeper. 1 *page.*

Dec. 4. 62. Representation by the Com^rs for managing the duties upon vellum, parchment, and paper, to the Lords of the Treasury, requesting them to grant a general order, empowering them to issue warrants to the Receiver-General for payment of incident charges which he could not do by his patent, except they were allowed by their Lordships. Dated 4 Dec. 1694. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Dec. 5. 63. Report of Sir Richard Levinge, Knight, Solicitor-General for Ireland, to the Lords Justices and General Governors of Ireland, on the petition of William Fanshaw, Esq., and Charlotte Sarsfeild, a minor, only daughter and heiress of William Sarsfeild, late of Lucan

1694. Esq., deceased, as to certain estates in Ireland, formerly of Patrick Sarsfeild and William Sarsfeild, his son, whose daughter the petitioner was. Dated 5 Dec. 1694.

Accompanied by the petition of Charlotte Sarsfeild, a petition to the King of Richd., Lord Colchester and Francis Sarsfield, of London, Esq., creditors of Patrick Sarsfield, late of Lucan, in the kingdom of Ireland, deceased, with report thereon (3 July 1694) three affidavits, a brief note, and a copy of a list containing particulars of the estate of William Sarsfeild. Dated 4 Aug. 1671.

See other papers, Vol. XXXIII., No. 20, and Vol. XXXIV., No. 21. 17 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Dec. 5. 64. Petition of Christopher Carleton, Esq., to the Lords Justices and Chief Governors of Ireland, for a day to be appointed for the hearing of his defence against certain papers exhibited by Mr. Francis Babe, reflecting on him. Dated 5 Dec. 1694. 1 *page.*

Dec. 4 and 7. 65. "Paymaster Fox, his memorial for a warrant to pay 1,800*l.* to the Com^rs^ of Transports, to be by them paid to Col. Ferguson for transport and provision of recruits shipped from Scotland to the Low Countries." Dated 4 Dec. 1694.

Letter signed W. Loundes on the same subject. Dated 7 Dec. 1694. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 7. 66. Letter signed "Cha. Bertie" to the Lords of the Treasury reporting the various demands for the Ordnance office. Dated 7 Dec. 1694. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Dec. 7. 67. Brief letter, signed Charles Bertie to the Lords of the Treasury, moving their Lordships for one year's patent fee due to Lord Abingdon, as Chief Justice in Eyre, on this side Trent, and for 100*l.* to reward discoverers of deer stealers. Dated 7 Dec. 1694. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Dec. 7. 68. "Sir John Trenchard[s] letter to Lords of y^e^ Treasury, to pay 55^li^ for expresses sent by Consull Parker to Madrid; p^d^ 28 Dec. '94." Dated 7 Dec. 1694.

Also the bill drawn on Sir John, indorsed, "This bill paid to Mr. Samuel Eyre by Mr. Guy out [of] secret service m^o^ the 28 Dec^r^. 1694." 2 *half pages* (*quarto*).

[? About Dec. 7.] 69. Memorial of William Aglionby, Esq., late Envoy Extraordinary to the Duke of Savoy, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, desiring to have a piece of silk, which cost him 3*s.* 6*d.* a yard, delivered custom free, he having bought it at Turin to make a field bed.

Minuted:—"7 Dec. '94. The Lords cannot doe it, it being a breach of the Act of Navigation." *Part of a page* (*quarto*).

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Dec. 8. 70. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching 200 pieces of ordnance, containing about 250 tons, which the commissary to the Lords of the Admiralty upon the Maes prayed leave to export from hence to Holland, for the service of the States General of the United Provinces, without paying any custom; certifying that the customs would amount to 500*l.* and leaving it to their Lordships whether they would remit it. Dated 8 Dec. 1694.

The memorial of the Commissary, an Order in Council referring it to the above Com^rs, and copy of a report from the Ordnance office, signed "Romney," on the same subject.

Minuted:—"They must pay the duty." 4½ *pages.*

Dec. 10. 71. Memorial of Col. Lillingston to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for money for his equipage, as commander-in-chief of the detachment then going to Jamaica; that the accounts of the subsistence might be made up; also for allowance for provisions for the men, when they served on board the ships of war.

Docquetted 10 Dec. 1694.

Minuted:—"For the K." 1 *page.*

Dec. 10. 72. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir John Duddleston, of the city of Bristol, merchant, setting forth that there was due to him for the hire of ships employed in the reduction of Ireland, upwards of 6,000*l.*, notwithstanding which he was threatened to be sued for 3,000*l.* due on his bonds to their Majesties for the duty upon tobacco; advising that it was equitable that process on the bonds should be forborne. Dated 10 Dec. 1694.

Minuted:—"Processe to bee stopt."

Accompanied by the petition and two certificates. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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Dec. 11. 1. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Thos. Freckleton, agent to Brigadier Lumley's regiment of horse; complaining of an over payment made by Mr. Fox, on the account of Major Palmer, then lieutenant-colonel of the regiment, explaining how it had happened. Dated 11 Dec. 1694. Also the memorial. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 12. 2. Various reasons offered by Col. Lillingston for the providing caps instead of hats for the detachment he was to command to Jamaica; the last of which is "that the hatts taken the last expedi-

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tion were two-thirds of them eat up by the ratts on ship-boad; and the caps they took not touch'd;" and a further memorandum about the clothing. Dated 12 Dec. 1694. 1 *page.*

Dec. 13. 3. Report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, and S. Travers, to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Esther, Marchioness De Gouvernet; respecting a fee-farm rent of 550*l.* *per annum*, issuing out of the manors of Bradbury and Hilton, in the county of Durham, devised by Lord Eland to the Marchioness, who was his wife.

The petition and an affidavit relating thereto. 13 Dec. 1694. 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 12 and 16. 4. Four papers in a very perishing condition, having the following docquets:—

(1.) "Two of the Lords Justices' letter to the Lords of the Treasury; giving reasons for not obeying Her Ma^tys^ letter in Mr. Babe's case." Dated Dublin Castle, 12 Dec. 1694.

(2.) "L^ds^ Justices' report to the King, relating to M^r^ Carleton and M^r^ Babe." Same date.

(3.) "My Lord Justice Capell's letter to the Lords of the Treasury, on behalf of M^r^ Babe, and that Her Ma^ts^ comands ought to be put in execution, in making him Surveyor Gen^ll^."

(4.) "Lord Capell's letter about M^r^ Babe." Both dated 16 Dec. 1694. *The remains of* 11 *pages.*

Dec. 17. 5. Order of the Lords Justices and General Governors of Ireland, to the Com^rs^ for management of the revenue there for them to report on the petition of Lewis Jones and Humphrey Booth to Her Majesty, concerning an arrear due from the former, as late farmer of the hearth money, in the county of Sligo. Dated 17 Dec. 1694.

Also a copy of the letter from the Lords of the Treasury, referring the matter to the Lords Justices, and divers affidavits relating to the same subjects. 7 *small pages.*

Dec. 17. 6. Order by direction of the Lords of the Treasury to the Com^rs^ for managing the duties on stamped vellum; authorizing the receivers to pay such incidents as the Com^rs^ should appoint; provided such payments be reasonable for their Lordships to allow. Dated 17 Dec. 1694. 1 *page.*

Dec. 17. 7. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in respect to the right claimed by the East India Company of having aliens' goods imported under their permission, which was disputed by the Com^rs^; the latter alleging that the owners of the goods ought not to have the allowance of time or discount; but should pay their customs down as other merchants did. Dated 17 Dec 1694.

Accompanied by copy of the opinion of Sir John Somers, late Attorney-General, on a similar case, and extracts from the charter to the East India Company, dated 3 April 1661, and from letters patent of 28 Sept. 1694. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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Dec. 18. 8. Letter of George Plater to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that, by Sir Tho. Lawrence who lately sailed for England, he had sent to Willm. Blaithwaite, Esq., Auditor General of America, "a state of their Majesties' revenue" for the support of the government of the province of Maryland, together with copies of the vouchers for the payments made; the greatest part of the revenue was paid to Governor Copley before the writer's appointment as receiver of the district of Puttuxant came to hand; the Governor died within a fortnight after the arrival of the last fleet from England. After his death his Excellency Sir Edmund Andross, Knt., by virtue of a commission in cases of vacancies, claimed a right to the Government and was admitted Governor, &c. Dated Puttuxant, Maryland, 18 Dec. 1694. 1 *page and* 3 *lines.*

Dec. 18. 9. Letter of John Sansom to Henry Guy, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, asking that a report of the Board of Customs, dated 24 July, might be sent, which was made on the petition of David De Barry, concerning a parcel of cossayes or calicoes shipped, together with the papers therewith, in order that debentures might be made out for the quantities of pieces mentioned. Dated 18 Dec. 1694.

Accompanied by the papers. 6 *pages.*

Dec. 18. 10. Memorial of Col. Lillingston to the Lords of the Treasury (1), for an order for money to clothe himself and the officers of his regiment: *minuted,* "Rejected." (2), for 250*l.* for Capt. Jarvace Lillingston (who went as major to the detachment) as part of his arrears due as captain in Col. Gustavus Hamilton's regiment: "Rejected." (3), for three months' subsistence paid short on the Martinico expedition: "Rejected." (4), for a stock of shoes, stockings, shirts, &c. to be delivered as occasion required: *minuted,* "Agreed to, so as the necessaries to be bought, be putt into the comissaries hands, and not the colonell's agents."

On the dorse:—18 Dec. '94. 1 *page.*

Dec 18 11. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Morton, who complained that he had been spoiled of all he had by the French privateers, and afterwards made a second venture, and in Holland bought 20 pieces of Persian silk, which were seized on their arrival: not objecting to the remission of the King's part, the petitioner having transgressed the Navigation Act through ignorance. Dated 18 Dec. 1694.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Accompanied by the petition. 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 18. 12. Copy of a report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Jequez Dirkes, respecting certain wine imported from Portugal and shipped for Holland, stating that the constant practice of the Customs had been, that when the refuse part of any commodity had been separated from the good or sound part thereof, it had been always looked upon as such an alteration of the commodity, that such refuse part was not permitted to draw

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back any part of the duty; as in case of tobacco stalks separated from the leaf, the dust of pepper from the pepper, and so in the present case, the lees of wine from the wine; and the shipping out such refuse part, after such separation or garbling, had been always understood, as shipping out less in quantity or value, so as to lose the benefit of the debenture; stating that they had nothing to object to the issue of a debenture in this case. Dated 18 Dec. 1694.

Minuted :—" Agreed to the report." 1¾ *pages.*

Dec. 13 and 20. 13. County Roscommon and county Gallway, Killyon Barony. Memoranda of the acreage and value of certain estates of Hugh Kelly and Hugh O'Conner, the latter of Ballintobber; as well as memoranda of the terms and persons to whom they were demised by the Com^rs^ of Forfeitures. Dated 13 and 20 Dec. 1694. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 20. 14. Memorial of Mr. Francis Babe to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth that he had obtained Her Majesty's letters, reinstating him in his office of Surveyor General of Ireland, with the addition of 100*l.* a year on the civil establishment; but the letters proved ineffectual and were returned to Her Majesty, with a representation of him and his case, with all the aggravation that could be devised; laying before their Lordships a detailed account of the dispute between him and the Com^rs^ of Customs in Ireland, and finishing up with the true causes why Her Majesty's and their Lordships' repeated orders had been disobeyed, and he had been so cruelly persecuted, the 1st of which was, that he had accused Mr. Carleton with trading with France, with the view of overthrowing the whole commission; the 2nd, that he had detected the miscarriage in setting of the hearth-money of the province of Ulster; and 3rd his appointment being independent of the Commissioners. Dated Dublin, 20 Dec. 1694.

On the last leaf is an account of the produce of the excise of Ireland from 1682 to 1693. 7 *pages.*

Dec. 20. 15. Letter from Mr. Wm. Bridgeman to Henry Guy, Esq., enclosing the petition of the shipwrights and other workmen of the yards at Deptford and Woolwich, to the Lords of the Admiralty; complaining that their wages were a twelvemonth in arrear; requesting the Lords of the Treasury to give orders thereon. Dated 20 Dec 1694. 1 *page.*

Dec. 21. 16. Letter from Mr. Willm. Blathwayt, to Henry Guy, Esq., secretary to the Treasury, stating that the Committee of Trade and Plantations were informed that the transport ships for Jamaica had sailed out of the Downs, on their way to Plymouth, where Col. Lillingston's regiment of foot was to embark; and the committee having finished their despatches relating to that expedition, desired their Lordships to order the money necessary for the regiment. Dated 21 Dec. 1694. 1 *page.*

Dec. 28. 17. Certificate of W. Van Neck, clerk of the treasury of Holland, with translation thereof as to the tonnage and rate of pay of certain

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vessels allowed by the States to the commissaries of provisions Dated 28 Dec. 1694. [*Temp.* William the Third.] 1 *page.*

Nov. 19 and 20, and Dec. 31. 18. Letter signed "Charles Bertie," by direction of the officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing a letter from Col. Gore, at the Hague, which states the debt due to the contractors for horses and waggons in Holland, amounted to about 11,000*l.*; that bills were also drawn upon the office by Col. Gore for 3,000*l.* for the service of the train; that 7,600*l.* were due to Sir Joseph Hern; reminding them further of the 1,420*l.* due to Mons. Boonhouvre for arms bought at Liege and Maestricht; and of the omission of the 500*l.* to the gunmakers for the last two weeks. Dated 20 Nov. 1694.

Also the letter referred to from Col. Goor. Dated 19 Nov. 1694.

Another letter from him on the same subjects. Dated 31 Dec. 1694. [*Temp.* William the Third.] 5 *pages.*

1694. 19. Abstracts of warrants, grants, &c., made up monthly, viz., for the months of February, March, April, May, July, October, and December, 1694.

Docquetted thus:—"Docquets at the Privy Seal." 27 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Perhaps about 1693 or 1694. 20. Petition of Geo. Tuthill, of Exeter, merchant, seeking that the stop put on his pension of 100*l.* *per ann.* out of the customs of the port of Exeter for good services at His Majesty's landing in the west, might be removed.

Without date, but addressed to the Com^rs^ of their Majesty's Treasury.

Minuted:—"Respited till after Michaelmas." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

1694. 21. The Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners of war. Estimate of the charge and receipts of money, for 1694, for seamen. 1 *page.*

[? 1694.] 22. Petition of Lieut.-Col. Montargier to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that 1,000*l.* *per ann.* was granted to Monsieur Le Motte, the petitioner's brother, for his service as engineer: praying for the arrears of his pay, he having been killed in the expedition against Brest.

With a certificate signed "Macclesfeld" that he was killed at his landing in Camaret Bay, on 8 June 1694.

Also copy of the warrant for allowing him 1,000*l.* a year. 2¼ *pages.*

[? About 1694.] 23. Proposals of Samuel Lubbocke, landwaiter of the customs in the port of Bristol, addressed to the King, for the prevention of frauds in the shipment of tobacco, and a petition of the same for himself or some other experienced officer to be appointed to prevent the growth of tobacco in England, &c. Without date, but it relates occurrences up to Dec. 1693. 4 *leaves.*

1694. 24. Affidavits as to the state of the debts in connexion with the post office in Ireland, sworn in April, June, and July 1694. One

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of the papers gives an account of the particular circumstances of each of the post officers indebted. George Warburton makes the affidavit. *5 pages* (*3 are double*).

[? 1693 or 1694.] 25. Petition of William Morris, master apothecary, to the Lords of their Majesties' Treasury, showing that he had served in Ireland as a master apothecary and in the last year's campaign in Flanders: praying for payment for his services to enable him to equip himself for the next year's service in Flanders. Without date.

Minuted:—"Referred to my L. Ranelagh & Mr. Blathwayt." 1 *page.*

[? 1694.] 26. Petition of Thomas Duppa, Esq., and Phillippa Croke, widow, executors of Sir Thomas Duppa, Knight, deceased, showing that Sir Thomas, being sub-collector of the tenths for the diocese of Exeter in the year 1688, had employed one Francis Blight under him, who, upon His Majesty's landing in the west, went off with 439*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.*: praying for the completion of a warrant for the discharge of that debt.

Accompanied by—

(1.) The case of Sir Thomas Duppa, setting out the same matter more fully, in which it states that "the Prince of Orange's landing about Exeter made the said Blight runn out of his countrey into King James' armie about Sarum, and declare himself a papist, and soe ruined himself."

(2.) Certificate of what was due in the Treasurer of the Chambers office, to the above Sir Thomas, as gentleman usher, daily-waiter and black-rod. Dated 20 Jan. 1693. 2½ *pages.*

[1694.] 27. Representation of Col. Luke Lillingston, colonel of a regiment of foot, showing that the regiment was lately employed in the West India expedition, and had orders to recruit and clothe, which was nearly accomplished; but it was found there was a great debt on the off-reckonings, which was mostly contracted for the West India service: praying directions for satisfying the undertakers, so that new clothing might be forthwith furnished, and that an inquiry might be made into the late clothing. [Not dated, but 1694 by comparison with other papers.]

Accompanied by "The present state and condition of Coll. Lillington's regiment, late Coll. Foulk's, with respect to their off-reckonings." 2 *pages.*

[? 1694.] 28. Petition of Laurence Braddon to the Lords of the Treasury showing that he had been illegally prosecuted and fined 2,000*l.*, and imprisoned till His Majesty's arrival; praying them to recommend him to be "register or chief clerk and solicitor to their Majesties' Commrs for licencing and regulating hackney coaches." Without date, but the Act for hackney coaches took effect in 1694.

Minuted:—"To bee register & sollicitor to hackney coaches." 1 *page.*

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29. "A breife of the principall matters contained in severall papers delivered by Mr Robert Makeroll to James Vernon, Esq., relating to Mr. Carlton's trade with France."

There were 15 papers, of which this is the abstract.

Accompanied by what appears to have been a docquet relating to the above, and to some other papers, commencing as follows :—

"Two of these papers contain ye informations of Jno Sinckler, late master of ye George of Belfast, and of John Babe of Dublin, Gent., and ye aforesd Jno Sinckler, sworn before ye Rt Honble Sir Jno Houblon, ye 12th of Apr. 1694," viz., as to goods consigned by Mr. Daniel Butts to Mr. Chr. Carlton, then a collector of Cork, but afterwards Comr of Revenue in Ireland, without payment of customs. Without date, but from other papers it would appear to belong to 1694. 3½ *pages.*

1694. 30. An accompt of purchase deeds and acquittances from several tenants, produced to Robert Gilliver, Gent., messenger of Her Majesty's land revenue, who was authorized to receive for Her Majesty's use several arrears of fee-farm and other rents, mentioned in sundry schedules annexed.

The schedules are arranged in column.

Docquetted :—"Com. Ebor. Mr. Gilliver's accot of what rents are good & bad in the sd county, returned to him as due to the Crowne at Michas 1694." 11 *pages* (*brief size*).

1694. 31. "Establishmt of ye Flanders Trayn, 1694, reduced one-fourth part."

Showing the pay of the various persons engaged by the day, by the week, and by the month.

Also an abstract of the pay of the Flanders train, 1694. 3 *pages, in a bad state of decay.*

1694. 32. "Excise Office, London. The amot of the vinegar vouchers for London, from 24 July 1689 to 24 June 1694, according to the rates which have been paid by the vinegar makers and others for the several sorts of vinegar under-mentioned."

A similar paper, "computing the vinegar, beer, and native vinegar, past or resting on foreign rape, at the rate of foreign vinegar; without any allowce for the duties paid before the said vinegar was put upon the rape" for the same period.

[Rape wine, a sort of small wine, made of rape or stalks of grapes.—*Bailey's Dict.*] 4 *large pages.*

[?1694.] 33. Two petitions, one to the Lords of the Treasury, and the other to His Majesty, from John Carpenter, clerk, who was chaplain to two Dutch regiments in Ireland, and had not received his pay.

At the foot of that to His Majesty (which is a copy) there is an order that the officers should state their account by the clerk of "Vander Ess," and oblige him to pay what was due. Dated 29 Mar. 1693.

Also an answer to the petition. 3 *pages.*

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34. Petition to Ralph Earl of Montagu, to the King, setting forth that the Lord Preston, who was attainted of high treason, owed him 1,360*l.*, and that he had been promised it should be paid out of the rents of his estates; praying that payment might be made in such manner as was drawn up in a warrant ready for the King's signature.

The copy of the warrant, and a letter of the Earl to the Lord Godolphin, pressing him to get Her Majesty to sign the warrant. *Holograph.* Dated [Ju]ne 12, '94. 3½ *pages.*

[? About 1694.] 35. Petition of Peter Fauconier and partners to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had clothed several regiments, and, in addition, had advanced a loan, but only received tallies upon the first 4*s.* aid for the money lent, and none for the debt; praying payment of the tallies in money, &c.

Without date. [The 4*s.* in the pound granted 4 & 5 Will. & Mar.] 1 *page.*

[About 1694 or 1695.] 36. Petition of John Cressett, of the Inner Temple, London, councillor at law, addressed to the King, praying to be appointed a Commissioner for the regulation of hackney coachmen, the House of Commons having addressed the King to remove three of the Com^rs^ from their places.

Accompanied by the petition of the hackney coachmen, licensed by virtue of a late Act of Parliament to drive for hire within the Bills of Mortality, urging the appointment of the said John Cressett. Numerously signed, and the signatures are remarkably fine.

Undated. [The Act referred to was in 5 & 6 Will. & Mar.] 2 *pages.*

[? About 1694.] 37. Memorial of Col. Hugh Windham to the Lords of the Treasury, moving their Lordships, as he had become responsible for 1,500*l.* for clothing, to order him that amount upon account of the off-reckonings of his regiment of horse for the year 1694, many of the private men having fallen at the battle of Landen, and their clothes, &c. being lost. Without date. 1 *page.*

[? 1694.] 38. A proposal for the rectifying a mistake in the late Act for laying an imposition upon East India goods; the laying a further duty on French goods, the encouragement of seizers and takers of prize goods, and for raising more money upon merchandise for their Majesties' supply. Without date; but it was after 4 & 5 Will & Mar., when the Act for the French goods was passed, and before the death of Queen Mary. 2 *pages.*

[Perhaps 1694 or 5, or later.] 39. Petition of Ann Jephson to the King, showing that Samuel Hastwell, her late husband, had sustained great loss by the devastation of his woods, and burning of his houses near the city of Limerick, and during the late siege there; and afterwards by the demolition of his mansion or castle, called Castle Connell, by His Majesty's express orders; and that he had preferred a petition for

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recompence of his loss, amounting to 2,000*l.* He was afterwards killed at the lattle of Landen, leaving five children. She prays that her then husband, William Jephson, who was tenant of the late forfeited lands in Muskerry, in the county of Cork, might continue tenant, and detain the rents in trust for the petitioner and her children. Without date, but after 1693, from the battle of Landen. 1 *page.*

[?1694 or 1695.] 40. Establishment of the Commission of hackney coaches, showing the names of the various officers and their salaries.

Accompanied by another similar paper. Both are signed by the [Commissioners]. Without date, but the Hackney Coach Act passed in 1694. 2 *pages.*

[?About 1694.] 41. Another similar paper, *headed*:—"The establishment of the under officers thought fit to be imployed in the Hackney Coach Office, as 'twas delivered in to the Lords Com^rs of His Ma^ties Treasury, commenced at Christmas last, by the Com^rs appointed for lycensing & regulating hackney coaches & stage coaches."

Undated. 1 *page.*

[Perhaps 1694 or 1695.] 42. Report, signed Cha^s Montague and J. Smith, to [His] Majesty, on two petitions relating to a pension of 300*l. per ann.* granted to Lieut.-Col. Vaughan out of the Royal Oak Lottery, viz., as to whether the same was assigned to his creditors; finding that 300*l. per ann.* had been granted in payment of 3,050*l.* due to him, &c., but expressing uncertainty as to its assignment. Without date. [Chas. Montague and J. Smith were first conjoined as Lords of the Treasury in 1694; it may be later]. 1 *page.*

[?1694 or 1695.] 43. Petition of John Phelips, Esq., one of the seven auditors of the Revenue, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that he had received no part of his salary of 200*l.* a year for 15 years and a half, and a fee of 20*l. per ann.* was in arrear for 16 years and three quarters at Lady Day 1694, praying for payment.

Accompanied by copy of letters patent granting the salaries of the auditors of the revenues, another petition, and certificate relating thereto. 10 *pages.*

[?1694 or 1695.] 44. A memorandum relating to the transport debt, towards satisfying which, certain duties were granted in the sessions held in November 1694, proposing that the duties might be paid to Wm. Bloome, one of the clerks of the transport office. 1 *page.*

[1694.] 45. Petition of Margaret Maurice, relict of Dr. Maurice, late Dean of Londonderry, to the Queen, showing that on the death of her husband she was wholly ruined by His Majesty giving the whole year's profits of that deanery to another; her husband had maintained 50 men at his own charge, in defence of the Protestants, and conveyed all his parishioners, with their provisions, to the stores at Londonderry; that his two sons and several relations and servants were starved in one room, in the siege; that 500*l.* were

1694. awarded by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the petitioner; but she had not been able to obtain relief; her estate was encumbered with debt and her children growing up without education, and she herself confined for debts contracted in the King's service. She had thus struggled for the last four years; praying an order to the Com^rs of the copper mint to pay her the 500*l.*

Accompanied by another paper entitled :—"Mrs Maurice's Case," which is there stated at greater length. In addition to the above facts she says that her husband was put to great charges in defending the Castle of Dungannon, &c.

Undated, but see another petition from her of 26 June 1694, Vol. XXVIII. No. 57, also her husband died in 1690, and four years had elapsed. 3 *pages.*

[? 1694.] 46. Petition of John Baskett to the Lords of "their Maj^ties" Treasury, showing that he was the first to serve the King with parchment cartridges for the fleet; praying to be appointed as a commissioner, comptroller, or receiver of the duty on paper, &c.

Undated, but the Act for duties on vellum paper, &c. was 5 & 6 Will. & Mar. c. 21. (1694). 1 *page.*

[1694.] 47. Petition of William Story to the Lords of "their Ma^ties" Treasury, showing that he and his deceased brother had been keepers and feeders of the birds and beasts in St. James's Park ever since the Restoration, at 20*l. per ann.*, having the charge of provisions, and that he had received nothing for the keeping and feeding of them since their Majesties' accession; 511*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* being due; praying an order for payment.

Undated, but addressed to their Majesties.

[In the *Letter Book*, vol. 9, p. 7, mention is made of 200*l.* ordered by the Lords of the Treasury to be paid by the paymaster of the works in full satisfaction of all his demands for keeping the same birds and beasts from 31 March 1687 to 30 Sept. 1694. The letter is dated 7 June 1695.] 1 *page.*

[? About 1694 or 1695.] 48. Copy of the "habendum" clause of a deed granting a parcel of ground to Sir John Somers, Thomas Duke of Leeds, and divers other persons of distinction, to the intent that the premises should be converted and employed for the use and service of an hospital; and further showing that as soon as the buildings were finished the King would establish a corporation for the government of the hospital, which from the indorsement, appears to be Greenwich.

? About 1694. The hospital then instituted. 1 *page.*

[? About 1694.] 49. Proposals of Abel Slaney and Daniel Barton for making halfpence and farthings of English fine copper for seven years.

Undated; but mention of their Majesties and Abel Slaney occurs in the *Letter Book* of that year. 1 *page.*

[? About 1694.] 50. Petition of Charles Chetwynd, Gent., to the Lords of "their Ma^ties" Treasury, showing that by taking away the court held before the President of Wales, he lost in offices held for life 200*l. per ann.*; that Col. Herbert made him deputy auditor of Wales,

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but the profits were very little except at the Michaelmas audit, he had been at great expense to fit an office for the records and to engross the seizure rolls; when the collector went for Ireland he advanced a considerable sum, to be repaid on his account; but he was unfortunately killed in their Majesties' service in Ireland; praying to be continued in the office till after the audit.

Minuted:—"It is probable y^e^ King will be pleased to app^t^ an auditor very suddainly."

Also Mr. Chetwind's answer to Mr. Brereton's paper, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, as to his (Mr. Chetwind's) threat to stop the *quietus* of Mr. Robinson, the sheriff, and as to his meddling in the sale of certain horses by officers of the militia.

Both undated; but Chetwynd was deputy auditor in 1694. See *Letter Book*, vol. 8, p. 225, and was removed from that place on 18 May 1694. See *ib.*, p. 237. 2 *pages.*

[Between 1689 and 1695.] 51. A paper indorsed thus,— "Concerning the difference between the Com^rs^ in Staffordshire." It seems to be the reply of some one of the Com^rs^, perhaps for the collection of a subsidy, to a charge made against them of creating a "disturbance" in carrying out their commission.

Without date, but in the reign of "their Majesties." 2 *pages.*

[Between 1689 and 1695.] 52. Petition of the Chapter of the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Southwell, in the county of Nottingham, setting forth their desire to establish a lecture or afternoon service, for the benefit of the large parish of Southwell; praying that some trees, not of use for naval stores, in the neighbouring forest of Sherwood, to the value of 500*l.* might be given them, with the view of providing a fund for the same lecture. Without date, but addressed to the King and Queen.

Also a memorandum. 1 *page and a half and a few lines.*

[Between 1689 and 1695.] 53. Petition of John Granger, a tide-waiter upon the "70 list," at their Majesties' Custom house in the port of London; praying to be put into the place of tidewaiter in fee at the Custom house. Without date, but "their Majesties" mentioned.

Minuted:—"To bee preferred in course, according to the rule." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[Between 1689 and 1695.] 54. Petition by John Claypoole, son-in-law to Mr. John Heard, purveyor of butchers' meat to their Majesties, praying for a landing-waiter's place. Without date. ½ *page* (*quarto*).

[? Before 1695.] 55. Petition of John Clarke, son-in-law to Major Richard Irwin, who was sewer to the late King Charles the Second, addressed to the Lords of "*their Majties*" Treasury, showing that he was employed in the Custom house as a tidewaiter in the port of London, and by the interest of his friends, was to be moved to a deputy waitership, but rather than comply with the Test laws withdrew to Holland; praying then to be appointed.

Undated. 1 *page.*

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1694. [Before 1695.] 56. A paper docquetted :—"Abstract of the laws relating to the Plantation Trade." It relates to laws passed between the 12th and 23rd of Charles II. It was probably drawn out towards the year 1695, as it refers to the 4th and 5th years of their present Majesties' reign. 1½ *pages.*

[Before 1695.] 57. Petition of the artificers and others belonging to the office of Ordnance to the lords of "*their Maties*" Treasury, (with numerous signatures) showing that they had readily supplied stores for two or three years at cheaper rates than were ever known, in hopes of being well and duly paid, but instead were obliged to accept tallies on two-thirds of the Excise after 900,000*l.*, and upon three-fourths of the Customs, for which as yet there was no fund, and on the land-tax after 1,877,374*l.*, which it was presumed it would not reach ; so that the tallies were of no use to them ; they had petitioned the House of Commons to have their debts secured upon two-thirds of the Excise, but as the application should have come from their lordships, they prayed them to move the House that their debts might be secured on the two-thirds of Excise and three-fourths of the Customs.

Undated. 1 *page.*

[Before 1695.] 58. Petition of James Barston, William Knight, and Thomas Harper, in behalf of themselves and other the manufacturers of painted earthenwares, addressed to the lords of "*their Maties*" Treasury, referring to a statute of 3 Edw. IV., relating to those wares, a complaint of the potters in 1676, and a proclamation thereon, and to an order in council of 12 Feb. 1685, for the seizure of those wares imported ; on which divers seizures were made ; showing that although the manufacturers had made sufficient to serve the market, and as good as could be imported, yet Samuel Eyre and John Bowles, had procured a letter to import certain delph red wares, or counterfeit china wares, and gally tiles, and three others had combined with them to monopolize an unlawful trade to the ruin of the pot makers and prejudice of the pot sellers ; praying their lordships to give order to the Commissioners of Customs to carry out the law, &c., as a considerable parcel of such wares was then seized.

This is a draft in Mr. Lowndes' handwriting.

[There is apparently nothing about it in the *Minute* or *Letter Books.*]

Undated. 1 *page.*

[Before 1695.] 59. Petition of Edward Proger, Esq., Keeper of their Majesties' Middle Park at Hampton Court, for payment of 365*l.* 16*s.* 0½*d.*, expended for their Majesties' service there.

Minuted :—"To be paid out of three-fourths Customs."

Without date, but the service rendered for *their* Majesties. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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[Before 1695.] 60. Petition of Wm. Herbert of Market St. in the county of Bedford, shoemaker, to the lords of their Majesties' Treasury; showing that he had apprehended one Thomas Knowles, a notorious highwayman, in pursuance of a proclamation of the 13th Sept. previous, praying payment of 40*l.* for that service, as the profits of the county were not sufficient to pay the sheriff's ordinary accounts.

Without date, but addressed to the Lords of *their* Majesties' Treasury. The act encouraging the apprehension of highwaymen was passed in 1692, 4 Will. and Mar. c. 8.

Minuted:—"A warr^t to be prepar'd." 1 *page.*

[Before 1695.] 61. Petition of Benjamin Mathew, Receiver of the Land Tax for the county of Northampton, addressed to the Lords of *their* Majesties' Treasury, showing that he had been receiver of the first six months' tax, the 3*s.* tax, and of the present 12 months' tax; praying that he might not for the future be discouraged by such an impediment as a partner.

Minuted:—"M^r Mathewe's to be alone Receiver of Northamptonshire." 1 *page.*

[Before 1695.] 62. Petition of Robert Mackarrell, merchant, to the Lords of "their Ma^ts" Treasury, showing that he had already, by several petitions set forth his deplorable circumstances in having in his escape with his family and effects from France, his ships seized in Ireland as French, which were restored on account of 2,000*l.* due to him for transport service; that he had been a witness upon complaints against Mr. Carleton, one of the Com^rs of Revenue; but the Com^rs would not admit the production of proper proofs; praying that he might have a copy of their report in order to set himself right with their Lordships. 1 *page.*

[?Before 1695.] 63. Petition of Sir William Rooke, Knt., to the Lords of "their Ma^ties Treasury," showing that he was appointed by King James II., High Sheriff of Kent, and Mr. Tho. Dauling, late of Westerham, was his under-sheriff; who had received the moneys of that office and absconded; whereby the sheriff had to pay to their present Majesties 278*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.*, besides fees, &c.; praying a lease of the said under-sheriff's lands, which had been extended, until he was reimbursed.

Minuted:—"R. to Mr. Lowndes, to enquire into the truth of the allegacons and state the case." 1 *page.*

[Before 1695.] 64. Petition of Simon Morse, receiver of the outward Customs in the port of London, to the Com^rs of "their Ma^ties" Treasury, complaining that he was not put into the next best employment, that fell vacant, according to promise; and that he had been forced (to avoid delay) to employ two assistants at 20 or 25*l.* *per ann.* and many times to stay till 5 or 6 o'clock in the afternoon, to examine the warrants; that with losses by bad money and the taxes he had scarce 40*l.* *per ann.*, his salary being but 80*l.*, and that he had spent

1694. 7 or 800*l.* more than he had received; praying to be appointed as Customer of the Cloth Customs. Undated. 1 *page.*

[? Before 1695.] 65. Petition of Edmund Prideaux, Henry Ustick and Matthew Remington, Esqrs., to the Lords of "their Majestyes'" Treasury, praying them to give an order to them to proceed for the recovery of money formerly levied upon dissenters, &c., according to Her Majesty's order in Council. ½ *page.*

[Before 1695.] 66. Petition of John Jasper Stein, Secretary of the Prince of Wirtemberg, and of Peter Greve and Peter Fauconier, of London, merchants, to the Lords of "their Ma^ties" Treasury; showing that the two latter had made agreements for the clothing of the Danish forces, by which Stein was to advance one moiety of 13,239*l.*, and the other moiety on delivery of the same; praying that they might have tallies struck upon such funds as the New Land Tax or Excise, or such other sure bottom that the tallies might be made use of as ready money. (Signed.) Undated. 1 *page.*

[Before 1695.] 67. Petition of Robert Russell, Esq., to the Lords of "*their Majesties'*" Treasury, praying for the place of King's waiter at the Custom house, London. 1 *page.*

[Before 1695.] 68. Petition of Edeth Lutwych, to the Lords of "*their Ma^ties*" Treasury, showing that there was an estate in England worth 80 or 100,000*l. per ann.* forfeited or forfeitable to the Crown ("Popish Estates"); that the witnesses and managers had tyrannized over and abused her husband, who had done great services, &c., praying that the "managers" might be obliged to do them justice, that her husband might have his share which was but about the 200th part of the whole, and that Capt. Henry Baker, who was a sharer in this and the "Dissenters" business, might be obliged to pay them the 30*l.* owing by bond to which the petitioner could not compel him, because he sheltered "himself in the Temple." [See also Vol. XXVII., No. 60.] 1 *page.*

[? Before 1695.] 69. The answer of the Com^rs of *their Ma^ts* Treasury to the reply of the "Com^rs for stating the publique accounts." Touching the money that had been given for the fleet during the war. The first-named Com^rs adhered to their objections and to the abstract of receipts and payments in the whole and every part thereof. Undated, but before 1695, from mention of *their* Majesties' Treasury. 1 *page.*

[Before 1695.] 70. Copy of a grant made by King William and Queen Mary of the Stewardship and Keepership of the Courts Leet, Liberties and View of Frank Pledge, of the domain, manor, and lands of Denbigh, *alias* Denbigh lands, in North Wales; and of all hundreds, leets, manors, &c, in the domain of Denbigh; and of the office of Recorder there to Robert Cotton, of Cumbermore, in the co. of Chester, Knt., and Baronet.

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Minuted :—"Prepare a warrt agt the Queen comes to towne for Sir Richd Midleton," [of Chirk Castle, com. Denbigh, Bart.]

Undated; although docquetted in a modern hand 1695, the grant must have been earlier from mention of the Queen. 2 *pages.*

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Jan. 2. 1. Memorial of the Comrs for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a debt of 114*l.* 18*s.* due to several workmen, who had been employed in making a new prison in the Savoy for the Irish and other prisoners. Dated 2 Jan 1694. 1 *page.*

Jan. 3. 2. Letter signed Robert Ellis, addressed to Mr. Samuel Story, at the African House, in Leadenhall Street, stating that he was sorry he had paid 11*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* to the Exchequer, if it were for the rent of Tisoe, for it would have to be paid again; appointing to meet him, &c. Dated 3 Jan. 1694. 1 *page.*

Jan. 5. 3. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case and condition of Richard Story and a number of others, tenants of part of the estate of the late Lord Preston, in Cumberland, which upon an inquisition had been returned of the value of 659*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.*, and was really worth 1,500*l* *per ann.*, as to their Majesties' title to the estate, the deplorable condition of the tenants, &c. Dated 5 Jan. 1694–5. 6 *pages.*

Jan. 5. 4. Representation made by Benj. Overton, Esq., Warden of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, that the officers of the Mint, whose salaries were from 40*l.* to 10*l.* *per ann.*, had paid the taxes of 4*s.* in the pound for five years past, but they were in arrear for the year 1694; urging on their Lordships the same indulgence as had been granted to the clerks of the Custom house, Excise office, and General Post office; viz., that the sums charged should be allowed and placed among the incident charges. Dated 5 Jan. 1694–5. 1 *page.*

Jan. 8. 5. Report of Sir Edw. Ward to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Gilbert Heathcott, and on the report of the Comrs of Customs, as to the power of their Lordships to give direction for the discharge of the ship "Hopeful," which was taken by the French retaken by the Spaniards, condemned as prize, and having been,

1694–5. re-bought, was laden with wine, &c. and not having an English crew was seized, &c. Recommending the taking of English duties, but doubting if their Lordships could discharge the seizure, if the informer insisted upon it. In such case an order for *nolle prosequi* might be given. Dated 8 Jan. 1694.

Minuted:—"Agreed to the report." The petition and report referred to and an affidavit. 2 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages, much decayed.*

Jan. 9. 6. Memorial of Sir Christopher Wren, containing an estimate of the expense of the funeral of Her Majesty, viz., for carpentry, matlaying, &c., addressed to Sir Stephen Fox, Knt., one of the Com^rs of the Treasury, praying the issue of 500*l.* a week. Dated 9 Jan. 1694–5. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 9. 7. "The Com^rs for sick & wounded seamen & ex^a of prison^rs at warr. Estimate of the charge of sick and wounded seamen and rec^ts of money for anno 1694." Dated 9 Jan. 1694–5. 1 *page.*

Jan. 11. 8. Letter by direction of the Lords of the Treasury, addressed to Mr. Blathwayt, desiring him to procure a warrant to be signed by the King, authorizing the Earl of Ranelagh, paymaster of the forces, to pay 360*l.* to Tertullian Lewis and others, for three years and nine months of their allowances of 24*l.* *per ann.* each. Dated 11 Jan. 1694.

The report and petition on which the letter was based. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 14. 9. Report of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mrs. Jane Shea, as to a debt of 8,900*l.* due to her for beer supplied. Dated 14 Jan. 1694–5.

Also the petition and another memorial relating thereto.

Minuted:—"16 Jan. '94. Whatever money shall bee lent by her shall bee assigned towards the payment of her bills." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 19. 10. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Herbert, merchant, as to the ship "Warrington," bought by him in Norway, to prevent her being carried into Dunkirk, or burnt, as D'Bart intended. The petitioner hoped the ship might be employed in the King's service again, but the Com^rs of the Navy had represented that she was unfit for the service; praying for his costs, or for licence to convert her to his own use: offering no objection thereto. Reporting also on another question, viz., whether the ship, after capture and redemption, were subject to the payment of custom upon her importation into this kingdom. Dated 19 Jan. 1694–5.

Minuted:—"Agreed to the report." *And again*:—"The ship is free being English built, & no duty will be demanded for ye ship itself upon her importation."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

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Jan. 21. 11. Memorial of Christopher Tanckred, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing, that as master of the King's flight hounds, there was an arrear of 1,750*l.* due to him at Christmas last, seeking that it might be paid by tallies of *pro* upon the Excise, and offering to lend or procure 2,250*l* in ready money at 6 per cent. Dated 21 Jan. 1694. 1 *page.*

Jan. 21. 12. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Leonard Browne, commander of the ship "Benjamin," from East India, as to goods landed without entry or payment of customs and so seized; advising that if their Lordships were inclined to favour him by giving order for a "*non pros*," they had nothing to object. Dated 21 Jan. 1694–5.

Minuted :—"Agreed."

The petition and copies of three affidavits. 5 *pages.*

Jan. 21. 13. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the removal of the Collector of Customs from Liverpool to Biddeford. Dated 21 Jan. 1694–5.

The petition of Ann, the wife of Edward Scarborough, the collector, against the removal.

The report *minuted* :—"M^r Scarborough to be continued at Liverpool; but M^r Ustick to be removed from Bideford to some other place, w^ch y^e Comm^rs of y^e Customs shall think most proper." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 21. 14. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting 40 pounds of mill'd English coin, found concealed on board a Swedish ship, and forfeited to the King; moving their Lordships to grant a moiety to the discoverers. Dated 21 Jan. 1694–5.

Minuted :—"Granted." 1 *page.*

Jan. 21. 15. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of David Smith and others, owners of the ship "William and John," praying that they might enter certain tobacco at Belfast, paying the English duty, &c. giving it as their opinion that it was a matter of necessity and distress to discharge her lading, by reason of the danger the ship was in of being taken by the French privateers at her arrival on the coast of Ireland, &c. Dated 21 Jan. 1694–5.

Minuted :—"Granted."

Certificates and other papers. 8 *pages.*

Jan. 23. 16. Report of Mr. Charles Fox [Paymaster of the Forces] on the petition of several officers of the three French regiments of foot, in the King's service in Flanders; praying that the arrears of pay due to them might be cleared. Dated 23 Jan. 1694–5.

Also the petition and a second petition from them. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 24. 17. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William White, who prayed that he

1694–5. might have a new lease of the honors of Oakehampton and Plimpton (Devon) with the fee of St. Mary Weeke (Cornwall) setting out a survey that was made thereof in 1650 and other particulars of the descent of those lands, which were purchased by Prince Henry in the reign of King James I.: concurring with the petitioner that the rents, which amounted to 55*l.* 5*s.* 5½*d.*, were troublesome to collect, as they extended to 27 hundreds in Devon and Cornwall, and he knew not how to put a value on them. Dated 24 Jan. 1694.

Minuted:—"Read. Respited for some time."

Accompanied by the petition. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 24. 18. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had under consideration and would report on the petitions of the several ranks and orders of officers of the port of London for some compensation, in lieu of the fees and perquisites of which they were deprived by an oath, which was enjoined by the last grant of tonnage and poundage, but that Mr. Sansom, their secretary's case, was entirely different, and that compensation to him would be very acceptable to the Board, as an encouragement for his long and faithful service. Dated 24 Jan. 1694–5.

The report minuted thus:—"Jan. 29, 1694. My Lords will deferre this untill they shall see whether or no some change may not bee obtained, for ease of the officers; but if it cannot, they will give the petitioner a faire compensation, which shall begin from Christmas last." *Again* "29 May 1695. My Lords will, from the time y^e^ perquisites were taken from him, allow him 300*l.* a year in lieu of the 300*l.* a year w^ch^ issues to Mr. Bertie; but this add^l^ allowance to cease when Mr. Bertie's paym^t^ ceases, or as soon as y^e^ present oath shall be abrogated, w^ch^ shall first happen."

Also the petition of Mr. Sansom and an extract from his patent. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 25. 19. Letter of the Officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, setting forth the exigencies of the office, the uselessness of the tallies, &c., seeking that weekly payments of 500*l.* might be made for the gunmakers; stating that 13,600*l.* were due to Sir Joseph Herne, without whose credit and assistance the train in Flanders would have starved in the winter; that they were despatching their bomb ships to the Straits, for which no small sum would be required. Dated 25 Jan. 1694–5.

Also a complaint of the artificers to the said officers as to the tallies; concluding with the remark that unless they obtained speedy relief they must take their case to the House of Commons. 3 *pages.*

[About Jan. 29.] 20. Petition of Edw. Fleatham, of Yarme, in the county of York, merchant, who had been a considerable trader in tobacco, but was reduced by misfortune and in debt to the crown 840*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* for customs, whose effects were seized for the same; praying that the extent might be taken off and the debt remitted.

Two certificates in his favour; one dated 29 Jan. 1694. 2½ *pages.*

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Jan. 31. 21. Report of Sir Richard Levinge, Solicitor-General for Ireland, to the [Lords Justices] on the petition of Arthur Podmore and Joshua Dawson, who had served in the office of first secretary to the governors of Ireland from 1690, without salary. Certifying that it appeared by inquisition that Walter Gallway and Arthur Gallway, both of Cork, were indicted and outlawed for high treason and rebellion, and that they held certain lands in Clandonnell, Currehine, Kilbrack, Nether Ballycloghy, Ballyfoyne, Knockonfally, Halfe Whitestowne, Glancouse, and Lahardane, in the barony of Upperthird and county of Waterford in Ireland; advising that if His Majesty were disposed to gratify the petitioners he might grant them the lands, and a clause in the grant might be inserted in favour of Sir John Topham the discoverer of the concealment. Dated 31 Jan. 1694–5.

Minuted:—"Granted."

On the back is:—"An abstract of the petition & report & a recommendation of the claims of the petitioners by the L^ds^ Justices."

Accompanied by the petition. 3 *pages.*

[Jan.] 22. *A paper docquetted:*—"Mr. Ireton, Stables Mourning." Representation by Mr. Ireton to the Lords of the Treasury, that the stable expense for the "ordinary service" upon the occasion of the mourning for the Duchess of Modena, was 2,979*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*, and other things made it amount to 3,500*l.* There were now eight more sworn livery servants, and the number of coaches and chairs was the same. The expense would be greater on this occasion in regard the present mourning would be excessively greater and more general, and all shop goods at least one-fourth higher than on that occasion, but he offered to contract for the same at 3,500*l.* The debt of the stables in Holland, Flanders, and England was 22,764*l.*

The following note is added:—"We have not creditt enough to furnish His Majesty w^th^ a mourning coach or mourning for a footman to waite on him."

He further states that it was not possible to calculate the mourning "upon the extraordinary abroad" till it was known whether the King would go to Flanders this year, &c. Without date; but probably in Jan. 1695, on the death of Queen Mary.

Minuted:—"A pri. sea.," *i.e.* a privy seal. 2¼ *pages.*

[?About Jan.] 23. Copy of report, signed with initials "B. B.," to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had perused the several papers sent him, which related to the accounts of Wm. Hubbald, Gent., Paymaster to the late Train of Artillery in Ireland, and then returned a true state of the account.

It was referred to him 14 Jan. 1694–5. 2 *large pages.*

Feb. 1. 24. Letter of Mr. William Lowndes, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the deputy chamberlains for joining tallies; praying a reward for their extraordinary service about the

1694–5. tallies of loan; advising the payment to them of 367*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.* for the time past, &c. Dated 1 Feb. 1694–5.

Minuted :—"Granted."

The petition of John Adye and Henry Ballowe, the deputy chamberlains. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 5. 25. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Col. Henry Mordaunt, in favour of the payment to him of the off-reckonings due to the regiment of foot under his command; amounting to 3,930*l.* 6*s.* 9¼*d.* Dated 5 Feb. 1694–5.

The petition. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 5. 26. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had by presentment of 22 May last, laid their instructions for carrying out the Act for tonnage before their Lordships, together with the allowances to Sir John Shaw, who collected the foreign duty, Sir Nicholas Crisp, who received the coast duty, and Mr. Backwell, who kept a control on both; proposing an allowance of 3*s.* per ship to be made, in certain proportions, to persons employed on the measurement of ships, and recommending various other allowances to persons engaged about the same. Dated 5 Feb. 1694. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 6. 27. "A list of His Ma^ties^ Royal Navy, with the hired ships now employed therein, tenders excepted." Dated 6 Feb. 1694–5.

The total was 309. 1 *page.*

Feb. 12. 28. Objections offered to their Lordships by Sir Henry Bellasis and Cols. Rowe and Coote, against a contract for clothing made by Brigadier Stewart, with Mr. Tracy Pansford and Mr. Paul Darby. Dated 14 Jan. 1693–4. Moving their Lordships to reduce the contract to reasonable prices. Dated 12 Feb. 1694–5.

A list of persons to be summoned before their Lordships in the case.

Minuted :—"Copy of these papers to bee given to Brigadier Stuart." 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 13. 29. Letter of Mr. Charles Bertie to the Earl of Romney, as to the complaints of the artificers respecting the worthlessness of the tallies. Dated 13 Feb. 1694–5. 1½ *pages.*

Feb. 13. 30. Report of Mr. Charles Fox on the memorial of Mons. La Cherois, major to the French regiment of foot commanded by Count Marton, praying to be discharged from 781*l.* placed to their accounts, for 781 snaphans and matchlock muskets, by the Ordnance Department in Ireland, and alleging that they bought these arms in Holland, viz., as to whether the arms should be given to the regiment: leaving it to their Lordships. Dated 13 Feb. 1694. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 14. 31. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the allowance of discount to certain Virginia merchants

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who had given bond for the new impost on tobacco. Dated 14 Feb, 1694–5.

Enclosing an explanation of the Com^rs presentment of 18 Sept. 1694 on the subject of the tobacco duties.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 72, 21 Aug. 1695, is:—

"My Lords tell the Virg^a merch^ts they cannot comply w^th them, in taking guineys at 30^s, but are willing the Com^rs of Customes should grant their other desires, to wit, that they paying downe the subsidy & add^ll duty of tobacco, in ready m^o, and giving bond as usuall for the new imp^o, they may be permitted to disch^a & take up their impost bonds, and recover all allowances, as if ye same had been paid downe in ready money, provided ye same be discharged before Michaelmas next." 1 *page.*

Feb. 19. 32. An acco^t of mony imprested to the two marine regiments since their clearing to the 18th Feb. 1692–3 to this 19th February 1694–5. 1 *page.*

Feb. 20. 33. Report of the Victuallers of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Seymour Tredenham, Esq., and Dame Margaret Tufton, his wife, as to an agreement made with Mrs. Lewis by the late contractors for a house to convert into a victualling office, which house was held by lease from St. Bartholomew's Hospital, near Rochester. Dated 20 Feb. 1694–5.

Accompanied by the petition, two letters, "an account of taxes, &c., paid for the King's house at Chatham from Lady-day 1690," copy of lease, and a paper entitled—

"The manner of renewing a forty yeares lease of and from the patron and brethren of the said hospital," containing much information about fines on renewals of leases.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 4, 16 April 1695:—

"If M^r Tredenham will take 100*l.* a year for 21^ty yeares for rent of the victuall. office near Chatham, my Lords will agree to that, otherwise the Surv^r of the Navy must be directed to take a view, & make an estimate of yearly value." 9 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 22. 34. Lord Coningsby and Mr. Foxe's report on the petition of Doctor Patrick Dun, physician to the hospital in Ireland; certifying that the sum sought for was due. Dated 22 Feb. 1694–5.

Minuted:—"28 Feb. '95. M^r Fox to informe himself from M^r Robinson whether it be reasonable this arrear be paid out of y^e fund for the hosp^ll in Ireland."

Accompanied by the petition and an account of what was due. 3 *pages.*

Feb. 22. 35. Report of Philip Ryley, Esq., Surveyor-General of his Majesty's woods, on the petition of the inhabitants of the town and borough of Warwick; certifying that in the forest of Whittlewood, there had been such great falls of timber for the navy, the town of Northampton, the Ordnance, and other uses, that the forest would not

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[The petition, which has many signatures, states that in the previous September a dreadful fire had happened, which had consumed the ancient Collegiate Church and the greatest part of the town, to the loss of almost 100,000*l.*, and they prayed for 1,000 tons of timber out of the forest, and 400*l. per ann.* out of the Excise, or some other sure fund.]

Minuted:—"Read 11 Xbr. '95 to ye K. His Ma^ts revenue is not in a condition at this time to bear the yearly sum. And by this report the timber is not to be had in ye forest."

The following is in the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 116, 3 Dec. 1695:—

"Upon reading the pet^on of inhabitants of Warwick for 1,000 tons [of] timber out of Needwood, & 300*l.* a year out of Excise, my Lords will report as to ye 300 a year, the revenue of Excise is at present so engaged & anticipated, they cannot think it reasonable or proper to advise his Ma^ty to clog that revenue w^th any further charge, and as to the forest of Needwood, to enq^r whether the officers of ye Dutchy, since ye late alienation to Coll. Vernon, have taken ye same into their care." 2 *pages.*

Feb. 22. 36. Memorial of Sir Christopher Wren to the Rt. Hon. Sir Stephen Fox, Knt., for the continuance of the issue of 500*l.* a week. The Lords of the Council having made continual additions to the works at first intended for Her Majesty's funeral, and so exceeded the 4,000*l.* Dated 22 Feb. 1694. ½ *page.*

Feb. 27. 37. Letter signed Patrick Lambe, to the Lords [of the Treasury], stating that he had laid before their Lordships the reasons for praying a further allowance of half a stiver a man, per day, for victualling and taking care of the soldiers in the hospitals in the Low Countries, during the next campaign; praying their Lordships' intercession with the King for the augmentation at least to a farthing a day, as he understood the King was not inclined to grant the larger allowance. Dated 27 Feb. 1694–5.

Minuted:—"To have 9 styvers & ¼ of a styver."

Accompanied by the paper referred to.

Docquetted:—"Mr. Lamb's proposalls for victualling the hospitalls for the yeare 1695." It states that provisions in Flanders grew dearer every year, and servants refused to serve him at the low rates he could afford, in the last campaign. The nurses cost him full 1,500 sterling. He prayed for an advance of half penny a man per day and for the balance of his account. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 28. 38. Letter of Mr. Wm. Lowndes, to Mr. Fox, enclosing the memorial of Brigadier Stewart, in behalf of his regiment, viz., concerning the keeping it up to the English establishment, &c. Dated 28 Feb. 1694–5.

Accompanied by the memorial and a short letter signed W. Stewart to the Lord Godolphin. 2 *parts of pages.*

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March 1. 39. Report of Mr. Charles Fox on the memorial of the Lord Mountjoy and Col. Courthope, as to the issue of 400*l.* to each, in part of levy-money, and other sums in arrear: also as to payments to clothiers. Dated 1 March 1694–5.

Minuted:—"To be paid 250li a piece."

Accompanied by two petitions. *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

March 1. 40. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching the exportation of tobacco by certificate to the islands of Jersey and Guernsey. The tobacco exported there from the western ports was computed at 47,000 or 48,000*l. per ann.*, and they submitted to their Lordships whether it should be restricted, as was done with wool from the port of Southampton. Dated 1 March 1694–5. 2 *pages.*

March 1. 41. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Kirkby, stating that they saw no reason why he should not be restored to his former salary of 150*l. per ann.*, and his daily travelling charges, at 15*s.* a day. Dated 1 March 1694–5.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

March 6. 42. Report of Sir Edw. Ward, Attorney-General, and Sir Tho. Trevor, Solicitor-General, on the petition of William Lord Montgomery, relating to his Majesty's power of making leases of the manor of Hendon; giving their opinion that the King could not make leases thereof for longer continuance than the life of the Earl of Powis, without the consent of his son the Lord Montgomery. Dated 6 March 1694.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

[About March 6.] 43. Report of the victuallers of the King's navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Jonathan Chase, first groom of His Majesty's removing wardrobe and "providor" of all his feathers; praying to be appointed a commissioner of the victualling office, in the room of Mr. Fielding, suspended, informing their Lordships that they were unacquainted with the petitioner, but conceived he had little experience of victualling affairs.

Also the petition which was referred to the Comrs of Victualling, on 6 March 1694–5.

There is the following entry in relation to Mr. Fielding in the *Minute Book,* vol. 6, p. 33, 27 May 1695:—"A letter to ye victuallers not to pay Mr Fielding's sallary during ye suspencion untill his accot be cleared." 2 *pages.*

March 7. 44. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the churchwardens of St. Martin's, praying for a share of the board and black cloth used at the funeral of the Queen; in favour of their being allowed it. He states that they had a share of the blue cloth, on the marriage of King James and that of King William and Queen Mary. Dated 7 March 1694–5.

Also the petition; and united is an extract from a patent granted by King James I., in his fourth year, to the inhabitants of the parish

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of St. Martins in the Fields, in which he granted one acre of ground near adjoining to the church, to make a new churchyard. It contains the following recital of reasons for the grant; viz.: "that in the time of King Henry the Eight, the said inhabitants had no parish church, but did resort to the parish church of St. Margaret's, in Westm^{r}, and thereby were forced to carry their dead bodies by the court gate of Whitehall; which the said King Henry then misliking, caused the church in the parish of St. Martins in the Fields, to be erected, and made a parish there, which now is so greatly inhabited, as the church is not of sufficient bigness to receive the parishioners, and the churchyard so little, as there is no room to bury their dead. And forasmuch as we have two houses of access, scituate within the same parish, and for that so small a place of buryall, may be cause of breeding and continuing the infection of the plague, and for that also, that the said parish is the chiefest place of residence for us and our councell, in times of terms and parliaments, and therefore carefully to be preserved from the least cause of contagion," &c. 3 *pages.*

March 8. 45. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Henry Willett, who was a defaulter in his accounts 1,202*l.*, and confessed he made use of 771*l.* for an engagement he had entered into, and supposed some inadvertency had occurred with the remainder at the late Revolution, giving their opinion that he was a fit object of compassion. Dated 8 March 1694–5.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

The petition and an affidavit. 4 *pages.*

March 10. 46. Letter signed Geo. Townsend, to William Lowndes, Esq., begging him to put the Lords in mind of a bill due to him, on account of determining the Old East India Company. Dated 10 March 1694–5.

Accompanied by the account entitled:—"An acc^{t} of money laid out by George Townesend on acc^{t} of the subscriptions of two millions, since the former bill delivered."

Docquetted:—"Mr. Townesend's bill on account of the East India subscriptions 114^{li} 10^{s} 0^{d} out of the sec. ser. mo. paid 25 March 1698." 1¼ *pages.*

March 14. 47. Order of Council on the petition of Manus O'Bryen, who "with the utmost hazard of his life brought intelligence of Sarsfeild's design upon the cannon then coming to the siege of Limerick," praying a custodiam at a moderate rent of the lands of Kilmurry in the county of Cork, in Ireland; referring the same to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 14 March 1694.

His petition to the King and another to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for the custodiam of certain land, forfeited by Jasper Grant, junr., called Kilmurry, in the barony of Condons and Clongibbons in the county of Cork, of about 500 acres valued at 60*l. per ann.*

In the *Minute Book,* vol. 6, p. 15, 27 April 1695:—"Manas Obrien to have a small custodiam." 5 *pages or parts of pages.*

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March 15. 48. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Henry Dixon, in favour of his being allowed 41*l.* for his zeal and fidelity, in collecting their Majesties' rents, &c. in Cumberland. Dated 15 March 1694.

Minuted :—"The 41*l.* to be paid per Mr Marryot." 4 *pages.*

March 16. 49. Letter signed Ben. Bathurst, without address, but perhaps to the Duke of Shrewsbury, commencing, "May it please your Grace," announcing that he had laid before him in April last the state of the Prince of Denmark's account of what was due from His Majesty to his Royal Highness, for the debt owing by the Duke of Holstein and the mortgages for the same, now resigned, upon His Majesty's promise to pay the principal and the interest (the claim then amounting to 104,516*l.*), begging him to move the King to order that this account might be stated in the Treasury, as a debt due from the Crown; not doubting that when His Majesty's affairs would better permit the payment of it, he would direct it should be satisfied. Dated 16 March 1694–5.

Also copy of the account of what was owing, and a previous letter on the same subject. Dated 19 April 1694. 2 *pages.*

March 16. 50. A paper docquetted :—"16 Mar. '94–5. Sr J. Herne & Sr Ste. Evans' proposall for returnes to Savoy." [Also for Cadiz.] It is addressed to the Lords of the Treasury. They offer to furnish the moneys for Savoy payable there or in Leghorn and Genoa, at 63¾*d.* per piece of eight, taking tallies on the Customs, the first of the third year. They further offer to furnish 80,000*l.* at Cadiz at 58*d.* per piece of eight, taking payment in tallies on the second year of the Customs after one thousand pounds. 1 *page.*

March 18. 51. Report of John Digby, clerk to the trustees for the sale of fee farm rents, on the petition of James Walsingham, Esq., finding that the manor of West Derham, in the county of Norfolk, was granted in fee farm to Sir Thomas Walsingham, Knt., at 20*l.* rent. which had not been paid since the Restoration; advising that it might be no dis-service to the Crown if a grant of the rent were made to the petitioner, &c., Gabriel Armiger, Esq., having petitioned for it as a concealment of which he was the discoverer. Dated 18 March 1694–5.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 5, 17 April 1695. "James Walsingham's peticon granted." 2 *pages.*

March 18. 52. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Paul Docminicque, as to 500*l.* charged on his account in connection with the third troop of Guards, for recruit horses, and 619*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* returned by the Comrs of Transports, for the charge of transporting a troop to and from Ireland; advising that if they thought fit to grant the petitioner's request, the King's warrant should be issued. Dated 18 March 1694–5.

Also the petition.

There are two minutes on the back, the second of which is, "16 Ap. '97. Rejected." 2 *pages.*

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1694–5. March 18. 53. Letter of the officers or Com^rs of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the disposal of the 44,000*l.* lately given to the office, upon the head of land service, proposing to list 40,964*l.* 14*s.* 2¼*d.* to the artificers, &c. Dated 18 March 1694–5.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1½ *pages.*

March 18. 54. Letter by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty to Henry Guy, Esq., transmitting extracts of two letters lately received from the Navy Board, "as to the provision for the course of the navy." Also acquainting them with the orders given for the payment of 20*s.* for every able bodied seaman, bargeman, &c. between 18 and 50, delivered within 20 miles of a port, &c., desiring that notice might be given to the officers of the Customs to give their assistance in procuring men for the fleet, &c. Dated 18 March 1694.

Also the two extracts. 2½ *pages.*

Jan 7 to March 20, 1694. 55. Estimates of mourning and provisions for the mourning of Her late Majesty, in connection with the office of the Great Wardrobe [amounting to about 34,000*l.*]. Dated 7 Jan. 1694–5.

8 Feb. 1694–5. An estimate of further provisions for the same, amounting to 11,046*l.* 15*s.*

Among the items is:—

"For the topp of the room where her late Ma^ty lyes in state, & to apparell the mausoleum in the abbey, & the two 'states more' ordered by the Earle Marshall will take about 500 yardes of black velvett [more] then was formerly estimated att 25*s.* per yard, 625*l.*"

The chariot richly carved and gilded estimated at 1,000*l.*

Another paper showing the amount due for liveries to Her late Majesty's servants. 20 March 1694–5, viz., 2,344*l.* 10*s.*

And a memorandum that the Yeomen of the Guard, Warders of the Tower, trumpeters, and drummers having rich liveries due to them, the mourning liveries would save 5,000*l.* 5 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

March 21. 56. Report of Mr. Benj^n Overton to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Geo. Macy, praying to be allowed the money disbursed about clippers, certifying that there remained due to him 431*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, which might be paid him out of the coinage duty money. Dated 21 March 1694–5. ½ *page.*

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The following, amongst other entries, occurs in the *Minute Book*, as to saltpetre to be furnished by the East India Company, vol. 6, p. 97:—

"East Ind^a members & officers of y^e Ordnance about the 500 tons salt peter wch were to be dd this year. The comp^a have had

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such losses they cannot furnish this quantity till their shipps arrive, wch they expect in a little time. My Lords desire the compa not to dispose of any peter they have, wch they promise." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About March.] 58. Petition of Brigadier Selwyn and the rest of the officers in his regiment, stating that they received tallies on three-fourths of the customs, in payment of their services in Ireland, which they were forced to sell at 20 and 22 per cent. loss, with the assurance that the remainder (1,196*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.*) should be paid in ready money; praying for payment.

Minuted:—"Read, 1 Ap. '95. The K. saies these shalbe paid when the rest of ye Irish arrears are p[ai]d." 1 *page*.

[About March.] 59. Memorial of Robert Billing, Gent., on behalf of his brother Lieut.-Col. Richard Billing, of Brigadier Selwin's regiment of foot, praying for payment of the arrears due for service in Ireland, in order that he might pay his debts, &c.

A certificate showing that the Colonel acted as major of brigade Dated 9 March 1694.

Also copy of an account of what had been paid to him. Dated 15 March 1694–5. 3 *parts of pages* (*quarto*).

April 3. 60. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the discovery of certain tobacco, entered by Henry Dennis, in his own name, which paid only English custom, the goods being those of an alien, on which the discoverers were allowed 20 guineas, as a reward, for receiving which they were prosecuted, under the Act of frauds, for corruptly receiving a bribe; moving their Lordships to order a *nolle prosequi* to be entered. Dated 3 April 1695.

Minuted:—"Agreed to." 1½ *pages*.

April 8. 61. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir William Gore as to a mistake in the entry of certain beaver skins, &c., recommending the alteration to be made. Dated 8 April 1695.

Minuted:—"Agreed giving reasonable satisfaction to the officer." Also the petition. 1½ *pages*.

April 9. 62. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Michael Mitchell for a grant of certain particulars in a schedule annexed; stating that the mills and weres of Kilmainham had been ever since the forfeiture reserved for the use of the Government, being within the Phœnix Park till it was lessened, and the house used as a laundry to the castle, &c.; offering various reasons against giving away the forfeitures. Dated 9 April 1695.

Minuted:—"Read 28 May '95. Report to ye K." 2 *pages*.

April 10. 63. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Lieut. Demarais, late of the regiment of horse,

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formerly commanded by Brigadier Villiers and then by Brigadier Leveson; praying payment of what was due to him for his service in that regiment, &c. Dated 10 April 1695.

Minuted:—"To be p[ai]d." 1 *page.*

April 10. 64. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of Mr. Acton, agent to Sir Richard Atkin's regiment of foot, then lately raised and sent to Ireland; praying payment of 500*l.* due to complete their levy money; also respecting the clothing money. Dated 10 April 1695.

Minuted:—"See the former ord[r] about this."

Accompanied by the memorial. 2 *pages.*

April 11. 65. Report of the Com[rs] for Victualling to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Robert Dorrell to the King in Council, and an order of Council thereupon, referring the same to their Lordships; in favour of his claim for 1,015*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* for two bills drawn from Barbadoes; various other bills were drawn before the above, and they had endeavoured to observe the King's directions and pay in course. Dated 11 April 1695.

Minuted:—"To be pd."

Also a letter, the Order in Council, and the petition. 4 *parts of pages.*

April 11. 66. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of John Dackin, who had served in the horse guards, and prayed to be put on the list of pensions, at 2*s.* a day. Dated 11 April 1695.

Minuted:—"Not granted."

Also the petition and certificate, together with a letter of Mr. Lowndes to Mr. Blathwayt, desiring him to procure a warrant for the allowance. 3 *parts of pages.*

April 15. 67. Report of J. Richards to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Shillingford alias Izard, who had been turned out of his place of yeoman-pricker to the privy harriers, in the reign of the late King James, to make room for a Roman Catholic; on the day his case was to be heard, the King withdrew himself; suggesting that he should have 100*l.* for his present relief, and if his majesty should be moved to restore him, he would discharge the Exchequer of all arrears. He begged that the King might be moved in it before he went to Flanders lest he should starve before the King returned. Dated 15 April 1695. 2¼ *pages.*

April 15. 68. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Arnold Thomas, late an ensign in Col. Sankey's broken regiment, and then in the same post in that commanded by Sir Henry Bellassis, praying allowance of half-pay from the time of his being posted in the regiment, as a reformed officer, till he was provided for by having a commission given him.

This is written on the back of the petition.

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Also copy of another petition from him to the Lords Justices of Ireland, and report on the same; together with two certificates.

The last petition *minuted*:—"To Mr Fox to putt it on his meml 36*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* due to him, for arrears in Ireland, to be pd." 5 *pages and* 2 *pieces.*

April 17. 69. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, about the petition of Sir Richard Pyne, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, praying a grant, release, and confirmation of the lands of Ballyneglasse, Glanagurteen and Ballydergan, Balylakan and Killeinlagh; and that some of the lands might be created into a manor; stating that the matter had been referred to the Solicitor-General, whose report was, that the gratification of the petitioner would not be to the detriment of the Crown, in which they concurred. Dated Dublin Castle, 17 April 1695.

Accompanied by the petition and report.

Minuted:—"For ye K. 16 Apr 1697. Granted." "Wt signed." 4 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

April 20. 70. Report of the Comrs of Customs, on the petition of Joan Harrison, praying for various reasons, that her son John Harrison, late a landwaiter in the port of Exeter, might be restored, or have some equivalent employment: stating that they had had very bad accounts of him, both as to his disaffection to the Government, and to the board, &c., for which he was dismissed. Dated 20 April 1695.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

April 22. 71. Report of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the King, on the petition of Barnaby, Lord Baron of Upper Ossory, for a reversal of his outlawry and a pardon, stating that it appeared he was Lord Lieutenant of the Queen's county, during the rebellion and captain of foot in the Irish army, at the siege of Derry; the Comrs of Inspection of Forfeitures had set his estate of 752 acres for two years to Mr. Robert Warnford at 25*l.* per annum; and further, they saw no reason that the King should extend his mercy to the petitioner. Dated 22 April 1695.

Accompanied by 10 other documents, including the report of the Solicitor General, affidavits, &c.

Minuted:—"Read [the last time] 26 May '97. It must tarry till the King's return." 13 *pages.*

April 23. 72. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what prosecutions had been made on the King's behalf, in relation to the estate lately belonging to Mr. Wyke Parker, who had been executed at Exeter for murder. Dated 23 April 1695.

Also a petition of George Parker, of Boringdon, in the county of Devon, Esquire, to the King, to be protected from vexatious suits, and for a speedy end to be put to all differences relating to the said forfeited estate.

Minuted:—"27 Ap. '95. To send to Mr Attor[ney] & Mr Smith to be at ye Treasury on next Tuesd. morn."

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The following is also in the *Minute Book*, in relation to this case; Vol. 6 p. 20, 7 May 1695.

"Mr Attorney, Mr Smith and Mr Berry, about the estate of Wyke Parker, executed for murther. The cases are read. Mr Berry desires that Mr George Parker may be defended per Mr Attorney agt severall other pretenders to the personall estate of the said Wyke Parker." 5 *pages.*

April 24. 73. A letter by direction of the Board of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the necessity of the second two months' advance, for service in Flanders; and four months' pay for the officers of the train. Dated 24 April 1695. 1 *page (quarto).*

April 24. 74. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mrs. Anne Cary, relict and administratrix of Edw. Cary, Esq., deceased, touching the right to certain clippings and money brought in evidence against some persons tried at the Old Bailey, the right to which was in dispute between the city of London and the Government, which matter had been referred to the Attorney General, who had reported that the City had no right to such forfeitures; and as to the claim of the bailiff of Westminster to the goods and chattels of traitors, expressing his opinion that there was no such right. Dated 24 April 1695. 2 *pages.*

April 24. 75. Report of the Comrs of Customs in favour of a *nolle prosequi* for William Malthus of London, merchant. Dated 24 April 1695.

Also the petition. 3 *petition.*

April 25. 76. Letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging the receipt of their letter and the warrant for the granting of lands therein-mentioned to the Earl of Rumney, in reprisal for lands formerly granted him and restored by due course of law, stating they had referred it to the Solicitor General, whose report they transmitted. Dated Dublin Castle, 25 April 1695.

The report is not now with it. 1 *page.*

[About April 25.] 77. Petition of Jeremiah Houghton to the King, showing that he was keeper of the private armoury at Whitehall to King Charles II., and was admitted to that place in 1689, and had been employed in cleaning the arms, &c.; praying the King to order his salary of 20*l.* *per ann.* out of the Exchequer.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury 25 April 1695, and *minuted* "My Lords cannot do this now."

Also copy of the grant to him in 1670–71, and the certificate of his admission in 1689. 1 *page, and parts of* 2 *others.*

April 26. 78. Certificate of the examination by Mordecai Abbot, of the Earl of Ranelagh's, Lord Coningsby's, and Charles Foxe's books; certifying that there were no more moneys paid to Brigadier Edw. Villiers than those in the annexed certificate of 2 Feb. 1692–3, by William Robinson. Dated 26 April 1695. 1¼ *pages.*

April 26. 79. Report of Mr. Samuel Travers to the Lords of the Treasury, on the values of the lordships of Denbigh and Bromfield and Yale, in the county of Denbigh in North Wales, for the purpose of making a grant of the same.

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He concludes his report thus:—" I lately ruled a *constat* in order to a grant to Sir Robert Cotton of mines in these lordships of Denbigh, Bromfeild, & Yale." Dated 26 April 1695.

The following entry is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. 6, p. 24, 10 May 1695 :—

" Diverse gentlemen came to oppose the grant to the Earl of Portland, of the mannors of Denbigh, Bromfleet [Bromfield], & Yale.

" Sir Wm Williams (who has an estate in the manors) saies these mannors are very large, of great value, about 2,000li a year, and a great number of gentmen are interested in ym.

" That since ye creation they have had no Lord, but the Lord of Heaven & the King, & proceeded thus:—

" We never were concerned in a rebellion, but sometimes when we joyned wth or neighbours ye English.

" That 'tis difficult in point of law whether these mannors are grauntable or not, or be an inseperable part of ye inheritance of ye Pr. of Wales, & when a Prince of Wales is borne they are his, & ye crowne has nothing to do.

" Denbigh is annexed to ye principality by Act of Parlt, & I think it cannot be separated but by Act: 'twas in Queen Elizas time.

" The Pr. of Wales alwaies had his revenue, court, & officers, & on ye creation of prince, this Lop paies a great mise; 'tis about 437l.

" However, I am sure 'tis most safe to go by Parlt & not by patent.

" For Bromf. & Yale wch consists, I think, of 23 mannors, 'twas a custumary estate, & in Cha. 1st time 'tis annexd to ye principality; 'twas a customary estate renewable & in 13 Cha. 1st 'tis turn'd to an inheritance, & also annexed & this Lop paies a mise of 400li.

" If there be a mesne lord he'el carry all ye royaltys, and questions will arise.

" The Acts of Plt confirme or priviledges. Here is the Ks. patentee & here may be a prince. Must the Lord or the Prince have it?

" These places are full of mines. A new Lord will have eagle's eyes, & there will be perpetuall suits. This is that wch touches every man in ye county in his vitalls.

" 22 Cha. 2 is to sell the fee farmes & dutchy rents of Cornwall, but there is an express saving for ye fee-farm rents of Wales; and when the Parlt would not lett them be sold, shall they be given now? The Parlt did interest the Lord Trer. & Comrs of ye Treasury to pursue the instructions of that Act.

" He saies that they have had but small time to make objections, & have not instructions from ye rest of their countrymen.

" Mr. Brierton saies that there may be an inconvenience to the judges sallarys by this grant.

" Mr Price saies these lops conteyne about 5 parts in 6 of ye county. We owe a double allegiance as tenants & subjects. Wee would not have our allegiance weakened in any part. He saies he

1695. dos not understand that one having an estate for life can make a grant in fee.

"That acts of reassumption have been grounded alwaies on paying of great taxes. We shall have a poor Crown and weak-hearted people to serve the Crowne, if these grants goe on.

"Sir Robert Cotton saies in Queen Eliza. time, there was a grant to Earl Leicester of lands in Wales, w^ch occasioned fraies, murthers, & many indictm^ts, & made him surrender to ye Crowne in his life time.

The lord^p of Denbigh was then granted to ye s^d earle. My Lords will represent the matter to ye K.

"S^r Ri. Midleton, S^r John Wynn, S^r Walter Bagot, S^r Tho. Grosvenor, Sir Roger Mostyn, & others are in the countrey that (as S^r W^m Williams saies) would appear in this matter." 3 *pages.*

[? About April.] 80. Petition of Richard, Earl of Scarborough to the King, praying for a grant of the reversion of the office of surveyor of the lesser customs and subsidies of tonnage and poundage in the port of London, after the life of Sir John Stapeley.

Accompanied by—(1), an "abstract of the patents for the office of surveyor of the petty customs port [of] London." [*Minuted:*—"Granted"]; (2), a letter signed Geo. Bradbury, stating that the Earl would send the names of three persons to whom he desired the grant might be made during the lives of Richard and William Lumley, his sons. Dated 19 April '95; and (3), a slip of paper on which three names are written, which are probably the names in question. *Parts of* 4 *pages.*

[? About April.] 81. Petition of Thomas Lane, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that his father had a pension of 500*l. per ann.* for "being so instrumental in the preservation of King Charles the 2^d after the battle of Worcester," and at Lady-day last the sum of 5,125*l.* was due to the petitioner for arrears of the same; praying for an order for payment.

Accompanied by a certificate as to the arrears. Dated 30 April 1695. 2 *pages.*

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May 1. 1. Report of William Blathwayt on the petition of Christopher Codrington and Archibald Hutcheson, Esqs., and Mr. Richard Cary, merchant, agents of Col. Christopher Codrington, governor of his Majesty's Leeward Islands, in America, stating that the allegations in the petition were true in reference to the privy seal ordering 700*l. per ann.* to be paid to the Col. out of the revenue of 4½ per cent. of

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the Leeward Islands, but of late there had been another order in Council for bringing the revenue of the 4½ per cent. in specie hither and the collectors had no authority to pay the governor's salary; that as the collectors in Barbadoes had directions to pay Col. Russell, governor of that island, out of the same duty, it was reasonable Col. Codrington should receive his: also advising allowance to be made for a gunner and two matrosses for the fort of St. Christopher's. Dated 1 May 1695.

Written on the back of the petition.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 145, 10 Feb. 1695, is the following entry:—"The sallary of Coll° Codrington to be p^d here out of ye sugar arriving from time to time for ye 4 & ½ per cent." 2 *pages.*

May 1. 2. Abstract of Gibson's proposall about altering some practices in victualling his Majesty's navy to the advantage of the crown and seamen. Dated 1 May 1695. 1¼ *pages.*

May 1. 3. Report of Sir Richard Levinge, Solicitor-General for Ireland, to the Lords Justices and General Governors of Ireland, on the petition of Henry Temple, presented to his Majesty and transmitted to them; concerning the sum of 500*l.* by him lent to the Earl of Clancarty, in Dec. 1687. Dated 1 May 1695.

The petition and divers other papers relating thereto. 11 *pages.*

May 3. 4. Letter from Onesiphorus Albin to the Lord Godolphin, stating that proposals had been made for farming the aliens' duties at 30,000*l.* a year. He had a difference with Lord Lanesboro, and proposed to have nothing to do with him. He would go through with the farm of aliens' duties, but it would be more for the King's advantage to keep it in his own hands. When the aliens' duties were put into a posture for collecting, the King might take up 100,000 pounds to be repaid out of that fund in one year, and he would undertake to raise 20,000*l.* for their Lordships' share. Dated 3 May 1695. 1 *page.*

May 3. 5. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Robert Stephens, messenger of the press, who had detected and seized a great number of treasonable, seditious, and scandalous libels, and many persons concerned therein; in favour of his being compensated for the same. Dated 3 May 1695.

Also the petition and two certificates of the petitioner's diligence. 3 *parts of pages.*

May 3. 6. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Captain William Vachell, captain in the Marquis de Rada's regiment of foot; praying for arrears of pay for the cure of a wound received at Camaret Bay; certifying that 183*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* was due to him up to 1 April then last. Dated 3 May 1695.

Minuted:—"To be laid before the K. to-morrow, 50*l.* to be paid in part of his arreare."

Also the petition and an account. 4 *parts of pages.*

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May 4. 7. Report of Mr. Charles Fox, on the memorial of Col. Edward Dutton Colt, in behalf of himself and the officers of the regiment of foot then under his command (formerly commanded by Col. John Hales); praying an allowance of 1,410*l.* 5*s.* 3½*d.* deducted from them at their clearings; stating it had been allowed to other regiments. Dated 4 May 1695.
Also the memorial. 2 *pages.*

May 4. 8. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Privy Council, on the petition of William Amis, of Faversham, mariner; praying a discharge of a fine of 400*l.* set on him by the Court of Exchequer, where he was prosecuted, at the suit of the Attorney-General, upon the information of Mr. Sherman, collector of customs at Faversham, for concealing and uttering French goods. Dated 4 May 1695.
Minuted:—"1 July '95. The soll^r^ to use his dilligence in the recovery of this mo."
Also the report of the solicitor on the same. 2 *pages.*

May 6. 9. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition from the town of Bandon, for a grant of lands belonging to Major-General MacCarty, for the re-payment to them of 1,500*l.*, and interest, stating that it would lessen the revenue and subject the King to many other solicitations, but leaving it to his wisdom. Dated, Dublin Castle, 6 May 1695.
Accompanied by the reports of the Com^rs^ for Forfeitures, and of the Solicitor-General, two petitions, one from the provost, burgesses, and inhabitants of the town of Bandon, and the other from the inhabitants of the corporation of Bandon Bridge, and by four other papers.
In one of the petitions they state that they never suffered any papist to live among them, and were so obnoxious to the Irish that they omitted no opportunity to oppress them, and at last carried them all prisoners to the mountains of Kerry, where many perished, &c. 11 *pages.*

May 6. 10. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Isaac Portello, merchant of London, respecting the importation in a Portuguese ship of certain Brazil wood, of the growth of Brazil, in America, a plantation belonging to Portugal, which was thereby forfeited. Dated 6 May 1695.
Minuted:—"27 May '95. A warrant to discharge the seizure, first giving satisfaction to ye officers."
Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

[About May 8.] 11. Petition of Thomas Wilkins, Gent., on behalf of himself and others, to the King, as to the debts due by the collectors of customs and new impositions; praying that the petitioners might have the same debts.
Minuted:—"8 May 1695. The K. orders, that when ye grant is passed, my Lords shall have such a restraint, that nothing grievous be done by the grantee."

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Also a list of the debts and a report of the solicitor of the customs thereon. 3½ *pages* (*quarto*).

May 9. 12. Order in Council on reading the petition of Sir William Russell, Knight, Samuel Sale, John Norton, Richard Barney, and Henry Bartlett, of the city of London, merchants, on behalf of themselves and others, the creditors of Andrew and Richard Dalton; praying that a grant of the Daltons' estate in Ireland, to Sir Will. Ashurst, for payment of his debts, might be recalled, or that such directions should be given, that the petitioners and other creditors of the Daltons, might receive their just debts out of the estate, in proportion with Sir William Ashurst; referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 9 May 1695.

Copy of the petition, and a petition of the same persons to the Lords of the Treasury thereon.

Minuted:—"Read 26 June '95. To be heard this day sennight in the afternoon, & all parties to have notice."

Similar Order in Council on the petition of the said Andrew Dalton, of the city of Dublin, merchant, praying that the outlawry against him, might be reversed, and the grant to Sir William Ashurst of the petitioner and his brother's estate, might be recalled; the petitioner being desirous to assign his debts and estate to his creditors; referring the same to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated the same day.

Copy of the said petition.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6. p. 56., on 13 July 1695, is:—"Sir William Russell and the creditors of Richd. and Andrew Dalton and Sir Wm. Ashurst, are heard by their councell, concerng a grant made by the late Queen, enabling Sir William Ashurst to receive out of the estate of the said Daltons, a debt of 1,218li 0s. 6d. due to him," &c. [Then follows what was alleged about the same, and the entry finishes], "That Her Maty out of her great grace and favour, and in consideration of his faithfull services, when Lord Mayr of London, was pleased to grant to him so much (and no more) as was due to himselfe, from the said Daltons, tho' he petitioned in the name of the rest of the creditors; but he supposes they were all unknown to Her Maty, and that it is still in his Mays power to grant the remer of the estate of the Daltons, to the rest of their Crs if his Maty shalbe graciously pleased to do the same.

"My Lds upon hearing all parties find no cause to move his Maty for altering the grant made by the late Queen, &c." 7 *pages or parts of pages.*

May 10. 13. Report of Sir Robert Cotton, Kt., and Tho. Frankland, Esq., Postmasters-General being their second report on the case of John Woodgate, deputy postmaster of Canterbury; viz., as to his ability to pay the arrears due from him, and as to his injury by the postmasters of Deal and Dover, in sending passengers to other houses, &c.; stating that the postmaster's salary was as large as that of others on that road, but others had perquisites, which he had not, and so they were of opinion that it was insufficient, leaving it

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to their Lordships to remit some part of the arrear, being 360*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* Dated 10 May 1695.

Accompanied by the first report, on the same subject, and the petition, at the foot of which is a certificate that he was active and zealous in their Majesties' service.

On the back is :—"13 May 1695. See the Minute Book."

The following is from the *Minute Book*, Vol. 6, p. 27 :—

"Sir Robert Cotton and Mr. Frankland attend, w^th^ Mr. Brockman, about John Woodgate, dep^ty^ postma^r^ of Canterbury. The postma^rs^ will make him a reasonable allowance for the future, if he can hold the place, and as to his arrear of 360*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.*, due from him at Lady Day last, my Lords will disch^a^ him of 165^li^ (in consideration of his poverty, & the extraordinary charges he has been at, & his good services to the government), upon his paying down the remainder," &c. 3½ *pages.*

May 16. 14. Report of Sir Edward Ward to the Lords of the Treasury, on a petition of Mr. Keeling, whereby it was "endeavoured to entitle the Crown to a remainder in fee, after severall estates in taile male spent, of and in the manors of Irthington, Lasonby, Dacre, Kirkswould, and "Bourke-upon-the-Sands," in the county of Cumberland, & barony of Barton in the co. of Westmorland, by the attainder of Thomas Lord Dacre of the South, for felony, about the latter end of the reign of King Henry the Eighth; to which remainder it is said he was entitled, as heir-at-law of Joan, sole daughter and heir of Thomas eldest son of Thomas Lord Dacre;" advising that the case was not clearly made out. Dated 16 May 1695.

Also the petition and another paper, giving various particulars respecting the manors, lands, and tenements, referred to by the proposal of the said John Keeling, Gent. 4 *pages.*

May 16. 15. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Martha Brehen, widow, for 29*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, being arrears of pay to her husband as lieutenant in Sir David Coliear's regiment of foot; offering no objection. Dated 16 May 1695.

The petition.

Minuted:—"Read 28 May '95. To be putt on y^e^ distribution." *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

May 16. 16. "New England. State of the accompt of the revenue in the province of New Hampshire, from the 16th of May 1694 to the 16th of May 1695." Signed William Blathwayt. 1 *page.*

May 18. 17. Memorial of the Com^rs^ appointed to examine the public accounts, desiring their Lordships' order for 2,000*l.*, for the service of the ensuing year. Dated 18 May 1695. 1 *page.*

May 18. 18. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the petition of Stephen Fagett and Peter Fauconnier, complaining

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that the off-reckonings of the Dutch regiment of Guards were set down at 853*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*, and should have been 10,166*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; stating that he had made two reports thereon, on the data furnished by Mr. Vander Esch, but Mr. Vander Esch was greatly mistaken in his last computation; recommending their Lordships to add to the tallies, to clear the off-reckonings, 9,312*l.* 17*s.* to set the petitioner right. Dated 18 May 1695.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Accompanied by the petition and another paper. 3 *pages.*

May 20. 19. Report of Thos. Trevor, Esq., Solicitor General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Zouch, Esq., certifying that the manors of Woking, Chobham, Bishley, and Bagshot, and the hundreds of Woking, Blackheath and Wooton, were granted by King James I. to Sir Edw. Zouch, Knt., the petitioner's grandfather, marshal of the Marshalsea of the Household, and failing heirs to others of the family of Zouch; expressing the opinion that, the reversion remaining in the Crown, the petitioner could not bar his issue male, if he had any, or the male heirs of John Zouch, if he had none; nor could he prevent the manors reverting to the Crown on the determination of the several estates. Dated 20 May 1695.

Accompanied by the petition. 3 *pages.*

[? About May 20.] 20. Petition of Willm. Fanshawe and Mary his wife, the relict of Willm. Sarsfeild, deceased, and Charlotte Sarsfeild his daughter and sole heir; showing that Patrick, a younger brother of William Sarsfeild, having, by his great power in Ireland, entered upon the estate of the petitioners, and it being found in his hands when the rebellion was over, was seized by their Majesties' Com^rs; whereupon they (the petitioners) prayed to be put in possession of their right. The Lords Justices, to whom the petition was referred, reported that Mary Fanshawe had a right to 800*l.* a year jointure out of the estate, and that Charlotte Sarsfeild was also entitled to a portion of 1,000*l.*, and 50*l.* a year for her maintenance; praying that they might be put in possession.

Also a report of the Lords of the Treasury to the King in favour of immediate possession being given of the estate to Charlotte Sarsfeild. Without date; but a bounty of 50*l.* was granted to Wm. Fanshawe, Esq., on 20 May 1695. See *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 30. [There are other papers on this subject. See Vol. xxx. No. 63]. 2 *pages.*

May 21. 21. Letter signed B. Granville, addressed to the Rt. Hon. Sir Stephen Fox, one of the Lords of the Treasury, begging of him to plead for his rent of Mote Park, stating that if they would read the clause in the will of '87 they would be satisfied that the Lord Mountague had no pretence for a claim of that rent, &c. Dated 21 May 1695.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 31, 21 May 1695, is:—"My Lords will speak w^th Mr. Attorney about the rent of Mote Park, claymed by the Earl of Montagu & Mr. Grenville." 1 *page.*

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1695. [About May 21.] 22. Petition of Philip Ryley to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he had applied himself to the detection of the great mischief of "exchanging broad money for profit, in order to clipping," and had been a discoverer of persons engaged therein, who had been fined 2,200*l.*; praying for a moiety of the fines.

Minuted:—"21 May '95. Refer to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Soll^r, to inform themselves whether the sheriffs of London and Midd. have any just clayme to these fines, & to report their opinions to my Lords."

The following entries in the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 39, 4 June 1695, seem to relate to the same matters as the above:—

"Mr. Whittacre, Mr. John Smith, & Mr. Macey, to come to Mr. Lowndes to-morr. morn̄, who is to enquire and satisfie himselfe whether the value of the clippings, & other things of clippers or coyners, be charged & answered in the acco^ts of y^e sheriffs.

"Mr. Overton is to prosecute y^e recovery of the goods of such offenders for the future, & Mr. Attorney thinks y^e proceeding ag^t y^e B^ff of Westm^r should be by English bill." 1 *page.*

May 27. 23. Presentment by the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, as to arrears due to them; praying an order for 3,000*l.* then, and 2,000*l.* by weekly payments, their credit being very low. Dated 27 May 1695. 1½ *pages.*

[About May 27.] 24. Letter signed "Arch. Hutcheson," addressed to Lord Godolphin, respecting an Order in Council for the payment of Col. Codrington's salary, and the contingent charges of that government, reminding their Lordships thereof, in order that something might be done on "that memorial," the ships for the Leeward Islands being about to sail immediately; further begging his consideration of Col. Codrington's other memorial, praying payment of what he had disbursed for subsisting the regiment in the Leeward Islands, and asking his Lordship's directions how to proceed. The officers and soldiers of that regiment were wholly in arrear from 1 April 1693, and were subsisted on the credit of Col. Codrington, the greater part by the inhabitants of Nevis, Montserrat, and Antigua, but the companies quartered at St. Christopher Col. Codrington was "in daily disburse for."

Minuted:—"27 May '95. My Lords do not think fitt to move the Councell for paym^t of this in y^e islands, and he must apply here when the goods for the 4 & ½ per c. come over."

There is also the following in the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 145, 10 Feb. 1695-6, "The salary of Coll^o Codrington to be p^d here, out of the sugar accrewing from time to time for y^e 4 & ½ per cent." 1¼ *pages* (*quarto*).

May 29. 25. Letter signed J. Tucker, addressed to Mr. Lowndes, stating that Consul Gwyn at Malaga had, by direction of Admiral Russell, drawn a bill of exchange, for 25*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* upon the late Mr. Sec. Trenchard; and at the instance of Mr. Sec. Trumball, the writer

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put it into his (Mr. Lowndes') hands, to move the Lords of the Treasury to pay the same. Dated 29 May 1695.

Minuted:—"To be paid per ye navy." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About May 29.] 26. Petition of Sir Michael Mitchell, Knight, to the Lords of the Treasury, referring their Lordships to a report of the late Lords Justices of Ireland, and to the testimonial of the city of Dublin, as to his behaviour in the late times of the greatest difficulty in Ireland, and stating that his services were well known to the Right Hon. the Earl of Romney and Lord Conisbie [Coningsby], late chief governor there, and the Lord Athlone, General of the Forces; begging their Lordships to give a favourable report of him to His Majesty, &c., further stating he was about to tender his services to the King in Flanders.

Minuted:—"Read 29 May '95. My Lords can make no report but such as must be grounded on y^e^ report of the Lords Justices & referring only to that." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 29 and 30. 27. "Loans in the Earle of Ranelagh's hands on the dutys on marriages, &c."

A paper so docquetted, showing that there was a loan on those duties of 173,850*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*, and further what was ordered to be paid out of it. Dated 29 May 1695.

Accompanied by another paper showing what tallies were ordered to be struck by the clothiers. Dated 30 May 1695, the total being 113,716*l.* 17*s.* 2 *half pages.*

May 30. 28. Order in Council, on the report of the principal officers of the Ordnance, on the reference of the petition of Col. Jacob Richards, praying for a reward for fitting up the bomb ships the previous year; referring the subject to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 30 May 1695.

Minuted:—"7 June '95. My Lords will speak w^th^ the officers of the Ordnance."

Also the copy of the report referred to. 1½ *pages.*

May 31. 29. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Hugh Speke, Esq., wherein he proposed to make a discovery of some goods which were run ashore, the customs not having been answered; recommending the project to be entertained. Dated 31 May 1695.

Also the memorial. 2 *pages.*

May. 30. Memoranda of credits furnished by the Bank of England to Lord Ranelagh, in May 1695. *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

June 4. 31. Report of the officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them with an arrear due to the office of Ordnance, of appropriated money for land service, amounting to 133,999*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*; repeating their application for exchanging to some better fund the tallies for 70,165*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* upon last year's poll, which the artificers could not dispose of, being useless, &c. and seeking other

1695. exchanges of tallies; further reminding their Lordships respecting the gunning two second-rate ships, &c. Dated 4 June 1695.
Also a paper containing ordnance estimates. 2½ *pages.*

June 4. 32. Report of Lord Ranelagh, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mary Birt, widow, praying payment of 28*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*, due to her husband as ensign in Col. Selwyn's regiment; offering no objection. Dated 4 June 1695.
Minuted:—"Read 13 June '95. To be putt on ye M[ll]."
Also the petition. 2 *half pages.*

June 5. 33. Report of Sir Edward Ward, Attorney General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Wheeler and Henry Stancomb, of Bristol, praying a *nolle prosequi* upon the bond in the petition mentioned, relative to a fraudulent shipment of tobacco from Bristol. Dated 5 June 1695.
Minuted:—"The bond to be discharged."
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

June 5. 34. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Bladworth, as to certain Germany linens, entered by mistake; recommending that he should be allowed to amend his entry, and recompense the officers who discovered the same, as might be thought reasonable. Dated 5 June 1695.
Minuted to the effect that the Com[rs] of Customs might award the recompense to the discoverer, &c.
Also the petition. 1 *page and* 2 *parts.*

June 6. 35. Report of the Commissioners of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Phippard, owner of the ship "Mary"; in favour of paying him 2,340*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, for the hire of the ship sent to Barbadoes. Dated 6 June 1695.
Also the petition.
The following is the second minute on the dorse:—
"Read 2 July '95. The Com[rs] of Transports to certify how much had been p[d] of this fund on acc[t] of y[e] Martinique service and how much is still claymed to be due." 3 *pages.*

June 7. 36. Letter signed W. Meester addressed to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Romney, stating that all would be in readiness to sail with the fleet to the Downs by Tuesday "come seaven night" if not hindered for want of money; seeking his Lordship's assistance that the King's designs be not neglected for want of money; further stating that certain fisher and other boats, were wanted. Dated 7 June 1695. 1 *page.*

June 7. 37. Report of Sir Edw. Ward to the Lords of the Treasury, on the presentment from the Com[rs] of Customs, concerning Mr. Gilbert Heathcott, who desired to ship from London goods custom free, in lieu of others shipped from Chichester and taken by the enemy; in favour of the permission. Dated7 June 1695.
Minuted:—"Granted."
Also the presentment and a certificate. 3 *pages.*

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June 7. 38. Letter of Mr. William Blathwayt, addressed to Mr. Lowndes returning all the warrants sent to him signed by the King, except that for Sir Godfrey Kneller, which he would not sign with the clause for the arrears, but only for the salary; sending extracts of letters received, relating to the subsistence of the four regiments lately gone to the Straits; and further stating that the memorial sent him, of the pretentions of Col. Hastings and other captains of the guards, would be laid before the King, and he would have a warrant prepared. Dated at the Camp at Becelaer the $\frac{7}{17}$ June '95.
Also the said extracts of letters. *2 pages and 2 parts (quarto).*

June 10. 39. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Hannah Collier, widow of Capt. Henry [Collier] belonging to the regiment commanded by Col. Selwyn; which captain was killed at the battle of Landen; offering no objection to the payment of 75*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*, due to him.
Also the petition. *Parts of 2 pages [very rotten].*

June 11. 40. Report of Philip Ryley, Esq., Surveyor-General of Woods, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the Bill of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Viscount Villiers, concerning repairs, &c., in Hyde Park; amounting to 425*l.* 19*s.* 2½*d.*, and 200*l.* for hay for the deer and for the salaries of the under-keepers. Dated 11 June 1695.
Minuted:—"This to be p^d at y^e Excheq^r."
Also the Bill and an application of Viscount Villiers. *1¼ pages.*

June 11. 41. "Acco^t of the charge of victualling the land forces in the year 1694; presented to y^e Lords of the Treasury, y^e 11^th June 1695." [as appears by Mr. John Steventon's acco^t who was agent in the fleet that yeare.] *1½ pages.*

June 11. 42. "Cost and charges of the provisions for New Yorke, signed by the Com^rs for victualling the navy." Dated 11 June 1695. *1 page.*

June 11. 43. "List of provisions furnished for the soldiers for New York; presented to y^e Lords of the Treasury, 11 June 1695." *¾ page (brief size).*

June 13. 44. Report of the Lords of the Treasury to the Lords Justices of England, in obedience to the King's pleasure, signified to them by the Duke of Shrewsbury, principal secretary of State, upon the petition of the Mayor, &c. of Chester, which set forth that their common hall for keeping the courts and assemblies for election of magistrates, members of Parliament and other public meetings was so ruinous that they could not come to it with safety, that Lord Warrington who had been mayor had given 100*l.* for building a new hall and others had followed his example, but it would cost 500*l.* more than could be expected by voluntary contributions, and they implored the royal bounty out of arrears of the land revenue in Cheshire and North Wales; informing their Excellencies that the arrears, &c. amounted to

1695. 5,097*l.* 19*s.* 5 ¾ ⅛*d.*, and that it might be paid out of them. Dated 13 June 1695.

Minuted:—"To be laid before ye King 8th Jany '95. The K. will have ye arrears paid into ye Exchequr & ye 500*l.* to be then paid out of ye mo[ney]."

Accompanied by the petition and a memorandum as to the payment of the amount. 2½ *pages.*

June 13. 45. Letter of the officers of Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting a paper from the artificers, applying for money for the tallies dealt out to them, or for better tallies; pressing for an exchange of the same as until the officers were "eased of this clamour" they could not proceed in their business, &c. Dated 13 June 1695.

Also the said paper. 1½ *pages.*

June 14. 46. Report signed "Jo. Taylour" to the Lords [of the Treasury] on the demands made by the executors of Leonard Robinson, Knt., late Chamberlain of London, deceased. The demand was for 1,176*l* 11*s.* 9½*d.*, for his charges in receiving from and paying to the respective lenders 320,416*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.* Dated 14 June 1695. 1 *page.*

June 14. 47. Letter of Col. Kendall to William Lowndes, Esq., begging him to present and read the accompanying memorial to their Lordships. Dated 14 June 1695.

The memorial stating that the colonel furnished several captains of the ships of war in Barbadoes, with 825*l.* upon their bills on the Comrs for sick and wounded; which had remained unpaid three years, notwithstanding the money was advanced to provide necessaries for sick seamen in the time of the plague in that island; and without it many hundreds of them must have perished, for no other person there would credit the captains; he also sought payment of 736*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*, and 150*l.* advanced to the navy. Same date.

Minuted:—"886*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* to be issued to ye victrs for Collo Kendall." 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

June 14. 48. A paper containing ships' names, the number of men, &c., entitled, "Orders received for victualling since the account given in 13 April 1695."

On the dorse is:—"14 June 1695." 1 *page.*

June 17. 49. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Margaret Harris, matron to the hospital on Hounslow Heath; for compensation for the duties of that office. Dated 17 June 1695.

Minuted:—"Read 2 June '96. Rejected."

Copy of the petition and certificate. 3 *pages.*

June 14 and 20. 50. Letter of the officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, reminding them that the hire of vessels was a charge to be borne by the navy; certain ships having been taken up by Mr.

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Meesters, for the King's service, and a month's pay ordered for the same, urging the impropriety of placing the sum for the hire thereof to the account of that office. Dated 14 June 1695. Another letter on the same subject, dated 20 June 1695, and list of the ships taken up by Mr. Meesters. 3 *pages or parts of pages.*

June 21. 51. Presentment by the principal Com^rs for Prizes, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had recieved an order in council for an allowance to be made to Capt. Benj. Hoskins second captain of the "Royal William" for the tonnage and gunnage of the "Frippone," a French man-of-war, taken by him in 1690; reminding their Lordships of their former presentment, wherein it appeared the ship was delivered to Sir Cloudsley Shovell, but as it had not been delivered into their custody, they were not liable to pay the same; reminding their Lordships also of their late presentment of the state of the office, which showed, that having paid the 10ths and 3rds, and other appropriations directed by the late Act for encouraging privateers, there remained nothing in the Treasurer's hands, and the salaries and charges of the office remained unpaid, &c. Dated 21 June 1695. 1 *page.*

June 24. 52. Letter signed Geo. Plater, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he would willingly have obeyed their letter in returning the money collected by him, which became due from the fleet of ships which entered there, before Governor Copley's death; but Sir Edmund Andros had been admitted to the Government, by whose warrant he had paid most of the money away; he had, however, written to Sir Edmund about the money, and enclosed copy of the letter sent and the reply; he also enclosed the Auditor General's state of the revenue, &c. The money he paid by warrant of Sir Edmund, he found a difficulty in getting, but he hoped to be indemnified. The debt due from the estate of Governor Copley computed at 470 odd pounds was likely to be lost, &c. Dated 24 June 1695.

Accompanied by,—

(1.) Copy of a letter signed George Plater, addressed to his excellency [the Governor of Maryland] respecting 500*l.* paid by him to his Excellency, which the auditor questioned, together with 150*l.* paid the Hon. Col. Greenbery, enclosing their Majesties' instructions to the Governor to take an account of the revenue, ever since the meeting of the late convention to the time of the arrival of his Excellency; further stating that it is highly injurious to him that the two articles of his account paid by his Excellency's warrant could not be allowed. Dated Puttuxant [in Maryland], 3 Jan. 1694–5.

(2.) Copy of reply of the Governor Andros thereto. He states that his warrants, whilst Commander-in-Chief, will effectually indemnify the said Plater. Dated 18 Feb. 1694. 3¼ *pages.*

June 24. 53. Letter signed Wm. Blathwayt, to Mr. Lowndes, stating that several applications had been made to the King for the forfeited estate of one Francis Stone *alias* Pierre, bequeathed to aliens enemies, which he declined to grant until informed of the matter by the Lords of

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the Treasury. Dated "Camp before Namur, 4 July 1695, N.S." *i.e.* 24 June.

Minuted:—"Make a state & send it & my L^ds^ opinion is y^e^ Pi[erre] affaires are in such a condicion that if the K. will please to reserve it for himselfe it will doe well." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 26. 54. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, showing what was due for that service, and praying an order for 2,000*l.* a week as promised. Dated 26 June 1695. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 26. 55. Memorial of the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, representing the arrears due to their office, and praying them to direct the treasurer of the navy to pay them 16,000*l.* Dated 26 June 1695. 1 *page.*

June 27. 56. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the question whether open boats carrying merchandize from port to port were liable to payment of customs. Dated 27 June 1695.

Minuted:—"1 July '95. The C. Customs to advise w^th^ M^r^ Attorney on this point." 1½ *pages.*

June 27. 57. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Major Thomas Garth, praying payment of 14 months' pay due to him as captain in the late Col. Godfrey Loyd's, now Col. Holt's, regiment in the West Indies, to enable him to go to the Leeward Islands, whither he was then commanded, as major to Col. Russell's regiment, offering no objection. Dated 27 June 1695.

Minuted:—"To be paid."

The petition and two certificates. 2 *pages and* 2 *quarters.*

June 27. 58. Letter of the officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, sending an account of the moneys given to the office; asking for tallies or money for the land service, to pay the establishment of the officers and attendants for the train in Flanders, and upon three expeditions at sea, and further reminding their Lordships of their promise, for ordering the 2 per cent. upon their 50,000*l.* tallies. Dated 27 June 1695.

The latter Entry minuted:—"To be paid."

Also the account referred to. 1½ *pages.*

June 28. 59. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Harrison and John Pereira, as to the entry of certain wine imported by them, half of which ought to have paid alien duty, Pereira being a Portuguese, and a servant to the late Queen Dowager. Dated 28 June 1695.

Minuted:—"To be admitted to mend his entry, paying y^e^ aliens duty for y^e^ aliens part, & so as Engl. duty be paid for y^e^ rest, and such satisf. be given to y^e^ officers, as C. Customes shall determine."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

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1695. June 28. 60. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Breton, Esq., customer of the port of Sandwich and members; setting forth that he had served as collector of customs at Dover, a member of that port, for nearly 20 years, without salary; his predecessor having had 100*l.* a year for the same; and that the trouble of his office is much increased, &c.; praying for an allowance for the past and a suitable salary; recommending him strongly for the discharge of his duties; and that he should be allowed the salary of the former collecter during the war. Dated 28 June 1695.

Minuted:—"100*l.* a year frō Midsomer last, but to cease when the war ends."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

[? About June 29.] 61. Petition of William Lee, late Under-sheriff of Northampton, to the Lords of the Treasury, for 55*l.* 9*s.* overpaid on his account, he having paid 80*l.* for convicting two highway robbers.

Certificate of the Clerk of the Pipe affirming the same. Dated 29 June 1695. 2 *parts of pages.*

June 30. 62. Abstracts of the lists of the ships of the Royal Navy, from 5 November 1688 to 30 June 1695:—

"Acc^t of the state of y^e Royall Navy as it was 30^th June 1695, & how employed.

"Admiralty Office, 7^th April 1695.

"A list of his Ma^ties ships of y^e 1^st, 2^nd, and 3^d rates designed for y^e maine fleet with an acc^t of their complements of men, the number borne & number mustered & y^e encrease of men since the last account."

Same date.

"A list of his Ma^ties ships besides those of the Mediterranean and West India squadrons, with the condition of those in port and stations of such of them as are at sea." 6 *pages.*

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1695. July 1. 1. Petition of John Farthing, Esq., late of Long Ditton, Surrey, then of Chelsea, Middlesex, stating that he had made proposals in 1689, for the improvement of the excise, and subsequently sent in observations on the mismanagement of that revenue, and in 1691, delivered in an account and discovery of irregular proceedings in the accounting for the same, for which he had remained unrewarded: praying that as there were then proposals for the improvement of the revenue lately made to their Lordships, by some persons late Commissioners of Excise, they would receive his further proposals annexed, for the improvement of that revenue, and if not that they

1695. would reward him for his former services, and he would then make known all the defects in the present management. Dated 1 July 1695.

Also the proposals referred to. 2¼ *pages.*

July 1. 2. Report of the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen, &c. to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Col. James Kendall, late Governor of Barbadoes, praying payment of 825*l.* furnished by him to several captains of ships of war in 1691; in favour of the petitioner. Dated 1 July 1695.

Also "Minute of a Council of Warr holden on board their Majesties' ship y^e^ "Norwich," riding in Carlisle bay, on the south-west side of the island of Barbadoes. 21 March 1691–2." [This was held in consequence of a distemper raging on board the ships in the West Indies, to consider what measures could be adopted in relation thereto.]

The report is minuted:—"Read 3 July '95.
2,400 on acc^t^ of wages.
1,600 on acc^t^ of vict.
4,000 out of loans on 4^sh^ ayd for sick and wounded; out of w^ch^ they are to pay this 825^li^ to Coll^o^ Kendall, & the money (being ab^t^ 300^li^ more) for the same service." 2½ *pages.*

July 1. 3. Letter signed Geo. Clarke, addressed to Mr. Smyth, putting him in mind of 77*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, owing to him these four years, from the French regiments of foot, &c. Dated 1 July 1695.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 59, 10 July 1695: "Mr. George Clark's letter to M^r^ Smith for 77^li^ 16^s^ 6^d^ due to him from the 3 French regiments of foot to be referred to M^r^ Fox." *Part of a page* (*quarto*).

July 1. 4. Letter of Mr. Willm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning a warrant for the countersignature of the Lords of the Treasury; sending also an extract from a letter, received from the Commissioners of the Bank of England, concerning the excessive price of guineas. Dated Camp before Namur $\frac{1}{11}$ July 1695.

The said extract. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

July 2. 5. Letter signed 'B. Granville,' addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, informing them that Mote Park was not settled nor was then part of the Duchess of Albemarle's jointure, praying them to give directions for the payment of his rent. Dated 2 July 1695.

Minuted:—"When my L^d^ Montagu comes he may have his counsell here, or stay away if he pleases."

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 63, 19 July 1695, is:—"M^r^ Granville's pay^mts^ of his rent for Mote Park to go on as formerly." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 3. 6. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the report of Mr. Brodrick, the Solicitor-General of Ireland, on the case of the Lady Jane Dowdall; recommending her to the King's favour. Dated Dublin Castle, 3 July 1695.

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Minuted:—"14 April '97. To have the 100li per ann."

The report which shows that the said Lady Jane had "put her money out" in the name of her son Patrick Dowdale, who was outlawed for treason; and the debt and judgments due to her were thus forfeited.

Also the petition. 6½ *pages.*

July 3. 7. "Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of James Ball, merchant of London, about some goods shipped out within the time [allowed for drawing back the moiety of the subsidy, the addl duty & new impost] but that ship being taken up for his Mats service, ye goods were put on board another ship, and the cocquet dated a day after ye year elapsed." Dated 3 July 1695.

Also a statement of the case, signed J. Ball. 2 *pages.*

July 5. 8. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had thought it necessary to be informed of the state of the forfeitures in that kingdom and had ordered a return thereon from the Commissioners, which he enclosed; the total of their receipts was 7,101*l.* 3*s.*, of which they had paid into the Treasury only 1,086*l.* as appeared by the certificate enclosed. The Commissioners' books were in disorder, many of the duties of the Commissioners of Inspection were neglected, and in effect their chief business had been to get in their own salaries. He had consulted the Lord Chancellor, the Barons of the Exchequer and the Deputy Receiver-General, who advised that the Commission should be superseded, and that the Commissioners of the Revenue should have the management thereof, in which for many reasons given he concurred. The Commissioners of the Revenue should manage the forfeited estates, &c. It appeared to the late Lords Justices, from the account of cash given in by the former Comrs of Inspection, that they had received 1,800*l.* of the King's money, 1,700*l.* whereof was spent in paying themselves their salaries, &c.; the affair was not mended by the present Commissioners. Desiring to know the King's or Lords Justices' pleasure. Dated Dublin Castle, 5 July 1695.

Accompanied by one of the papers referred to, viz.:—

"Forfeited rents received in the Treasury from the 6th of Feby 1693 to the 10th June 1695."

Certified the 10 June 1695 by W. Robinson, Deputy Receiver-General. 5 *pages.*

July 5. 9. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Vernon and Arthur Shallet, of London, merchants; respecting an infringement of the navigation laws, by importation of Turkey goods; recommending the case for favourable consideration. Dated 5 July 1695.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also a certificate and a petition. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 6. 10. Letter of Sir William Trumball addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, informing them that it had been represented to the Lords

1695. Justices that a dangerous correspondence was carried on with France by divers disaffected persons frequently going out and coming into England, by the coasts of Kent, which might be imputed to the negligence or disaffection of the officers of the Customs employed on those coasts; transmitting certain proposals for putting a stop to the same, which had been sent to them in order that their Lordships might forthwith ask the Commissioners of Customs for their opinion thereon. Dated 6 July 1695. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 8. 11. Letter of Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, stating that he had sent three warrants,—

1st, for 3,000 to the Duke of Shrewsbury;
2nd, 6,876*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* to the Bank; and
3rd, 220*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* to Mr. Butts;

but the packet boat in which they were had been taken by the French; applying for duplicates of them to be sent. Dated, Camp before Namur, $\frac{8}{18}$ July 1695. 1 *page* (*quarto.*)

July 8 and 9. 12. Two reports of J. Richards on the petition of Richard Sparrow, servant to the groom porter, which stated that he attended the House of Peers, and was allowed 20*d.* a day, that the allowance was in arrear for the last four sessions, amounting to 58*l.* 6*s.*, and he was further ordered to wait on the Prince of Baden 48 days, at 5*s.* a day, which came to 11*l.* 15*s.* Dated 8 and 9 July 1695.

The reports confirm the claim, and were probably made in furtherance of the following *Minute* (on the dorse) "To see whether my Lords have ever made any such paym^ts^ to the groom porter's serv^t^. 24 June '95."

There is a further Minute, "per tally on excise." 1 *page.*

July 10. 13. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, showing what was due and what had been ordered, certifying what they had paid on account of the Martinique service, &c. Dated 10 July 1695. 1 *page.*

July 11 and Aug. 5. 14. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes stating that the King, before leaving England, had signed a warrant and a bill for a grant of the manor of Denbigh to the Earl of Portland which remained undespatched at the Treasury; signifying His Majesty's pleasure that the grant should pass immediately. Dated Camp before Namur, the $\frac{11}{21}$ July 1695.

Another letter for the immediate despatch of the same. Dated at the same place $\frac{5}{15}$ Aug. 1695.

There are several notices of a grant to the Earl of Portland, in the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, but nothing very definite as to the above letter. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

July 15. 15. Memorial of Henry Starkey to the Lords of the Treasury [apparently for some office in the Customs]. Dated 15 July 1695.

Minuted:—"Granted a dorm^t^ w^t^." 1 *page* (*much decayed*).

July 16. 16. Mr. Aaron Smith's report about the estate of John Moore, "the tripe man," lately attainted and executed for high treason.

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His property was situate in Moore's Court, Peter Street, Westminster, and at Hessen, in Middlesex. Dated 16 July 1695.

This was no doubt in pursuance of the Minute entered in the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 59, 10 July 1695, viz.: "Mr. Aaron Smith to enquire and take care of the estate of the tripeman." 1 *page.*

[? About July 17.] 17. Petition of Dorcas Lady Ashfeild to the King, stating that she was entrusted by several persons with proposals to raise money, and the King had promised the Earl of Stamford that the proposers should receive 2,000*l.* for each million raised, and for the glass and coal, which were part of the proposals, the proposers should nominate a Commissioner; further referring to Major Braman's application for a commissionership.

Also the petition of Major Braman for the same, and certificate in his favour by the Earl of Stamford. Dated 17 July 1695. 1½ *pages.*

July 17. 18. Letter signed "Jn° Sansom," transmitting to the Lords of the Treasury an account from the collector outwards of the port of London, of what silver or bullion had been entered at the custom-house from 1 May to 17 July 1695.

Also the account. 2 *half pages.*

[About July 17.] 19. Memorial of Richard Hutchinson, solicitor of His Majesty's Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to an arrear of 300*l.* due to him, which was agreed to be paid out of seizures and compositions for prohibited goods.

Minuted:—"17 July '95. 300li to be pd. out of ye 1st 600li [that] shalbe paid on acco. of seizures." 1 *page.*

July 19. 20. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Wilcocks, Jun., Esq., who was appointed one of the Comrs of Excise in April 1691, touching debts which had accrued to the Excise office, for duties on beer and ale, brewed in a brewhouse in Turnmill Street, let by him to Mr. Tho. Eyer, and afterwards to Mr. Rice Fellowes; recommending the brewing utensils to be sold to pay Mr. Fellowes's debt. Dated 19 July 1695.

Also the petition and observations in answer to the report.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 90 is the following entry:—"The Comrs of Excise to have a coppy of Wilcoxe's answr, and not to levy upon the utensills in his brewhouse till the matters in dispute between them be determined by my Lds."

And again at p. 277:—"My Lords take off the last order which they gave concerning Mr Wilcoxes brewing vessells, and leave the Commrs to proceed according to law." 7 *pages.*

[? About July 19.] 21. "An abstract of the petition and case of Charlotte Sarsfield, an infant, by William Fanshaw, her father-in-law and guardian." She was daughter and heir of William Sarsfield, of Lucan in Ireland, who on intermarrying with her mother had agreed (on the death Patrick Sarsfield, his father) to settle 800*l.* a year on her and her children. The petitioner charges the Earl of Lucan with entering

1695. on her property, by whom it was forfeited; praying for restoration of her estate. Undated.

The following is from the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 65, 19 July 1695: "Mr. Fanshaw, w^th^ S^r^ Thomas Powys his counsell, desire that M^s^ Sarsfield, daughter & heir of W^m^, may be putt into possession of the estate of her father, w^ch^ was seized on the attainder of Patric (who gott into possession in y^e^ late times, but had noe right). My Lords will report this to y^e^ K. when he comes." 1 *page.*

July 25. 22. Letter of Mr. John Povey to Mr. Lowndes, sending to the Lords of the Treasury the copy of Sir Thomas Lawrence's memorial, which had been received by the Committee of Trade and Plantations; begging their directions to the Com^rs^ of Customs thercon. Dated 25 July 1695. ¾ *page.*

[? About July 27.] 23. Petition of Louis Chabrol, a French reformed captain, to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of his arrears, he having served in the French regiment of foot commanded by Gen. La Melionere, during the war of Ireland, and again in Flanders. He states that he had received no payment of his arrears, though other officers had, and he was in continual danger of arrest and starvation, having neither a place of abode nor a friend to relieve him. Without date, but *minuted*:—"27 July '95. To have 20^li^ in part of his arrears, to enable him to goe into Ireld."

Accompanied by six papers arising in the case previously.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 128, 8 Jan. 1695, is:—"100 0 10 Mons. de Chabroll, to be paid to Mr. Fox." 7 *pages or parts of pages.*

July 30. 24. Letter of the Earl of Romney to Mr. Lowndes, transmitting the report of the principal officers of the Ordnance, on the petition to the King, of the governor and company for making hollow sword blades in England, which was referred to the Lords of the Treasury by order of the Council, and by them to Lord Romney; approving the report which relates to sword blades imported, the forfeitures of which the petitioners desired might be given them, to encourage the manufacture of sword blades at home. Dated St. James's, 30 July 1695.

The report, a letter of Mr. Lowndes, the Order in Council, and the petition. 2 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

[About July.] 25. Report of the Lords of the Treasury to the Lords Justices of England, on papers annexed, concerning a commerce to be settled by the Lustring Company between England and Piedmont, and on their memorial representing the great difficulties they had laboured under in carrying on their trade in England, and that it would be very hard for them to undertake any new trade, unless the Government encouraged them; praying for a remission of the whole duty on their silk, or 2,400*l.* *per ann.* to be paid to them, as an equivalent of the duties; expressing the opinion that they well deserved the encouragement desired, either by the remission of the duty or the

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grant of 2,400*l.* *per ann.* The latter seemed most advisable, &c. Undated.

The papers referred to consist of:—

(1.) "Proposalls from the Duke of Shrewsbery to y^e^ Lustring Company, and the ans^er^ of y^e^ comity of y^e^ said company." Dated 6 June and 18 July 1695.

(2.) The Lustring Company's answer to the proposals. Dated 11 June 1695.

(3.) Representation of their case by Lewis Gervaize, their secretary. Dated 18 July 1695. 14½ *pages.*

Aug. 1. 26. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt, transmitting several warrants signed by the King for the countersignature of the Lords of the Treasury. Dated, Camp at Watergoos, 11 Aug. 1695, N.S.

The warrants were for:—

6,876*l.*	15*s.*	4*d.*	to be paid to the Bank.
200	0	0	bounty to Mr. Baker.
1,000	0	0	to the Earl of Rochford, as Master of the Robes.
300	0	0	to Mr. Hutchinson.
150	0	0	for Mr. Granville.
206	7	6	for Mr. Butts.

Also warrants for taking in loans on the reversions of annuities, for 2*s.* a day for John Dwyre, for discharge of Mr. Bennet's executors, &c., and for Com^rs^ of accounts in Ireland. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

Aug. 3. 27. Letter of the officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the gentlemen of the Bank declined making any proposal for remittance of money abroad on contract for six or 12 months, but would remit at the current exchange of the time at 1½ *per cent.* Sir Joseph Herne and Sir Stephen Evance would remit at 1 *per cent.* cheaper than the Bank, and were prepared (as in the annexed paper) to contract for a price certain, but they had not encouraged them until they knew their Lordship's pleasure. Dated 3 Aug. 1695.

Also the paper referred to, dated 30 July 1695. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 7. 28. Memorial of John Duke of Newcastle, Rebecca Viscountess Falkland, Henry Viscount Longuevile, Doctor John Radcliffe, Richard Gee, Esq., John Taylor, merchant, and Mr. Geo. Dodington, part owners of the ship "Lyon," as to an amount due for the services of the ship for a voyage to the West Indies, about which there had been a Chancery suit between the above persons and Mr. Thomas Hewetson. Dated 7 Aug. 1695.

Minuted:—"Refer to the Ordnance to state & give opinion on this demand for so much as concerned Ordnance service, & to speak with the Com^rs^ of the Navy about y^e^ fund for paym^t^."

The following in the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 89, 25 Sept. 1695, relates to this:—

"Com^rs^ of Navy to be here on Tuesday next, in the afternoon, about the demand for service of y^e^ ship 'Lyon.'" 2¼ *pages.*

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Aug. 14. 29. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the report and other papers of the Com^rs of the Revenue on the petition of Lewis Jones and Humphry Booth, for the remission of 302*l.* 10*s.* 10½*d.*, the balance of the hearth-money for the county of Sligo in 1686; in favour of the remission. Dated 14 Aug. 1695.

[The papers are not now with it.] 1 *page.*

Aug. 14. 30. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in obedience to directions received from them, to certify what money stood charged on Thomas Tipping, Esq., as received on account of customs at Exeter and elsewhere, in the year 1688, when His Majesty landed in the west. Dated 14 Aug. 1695.

The petition of the said Thomas Tipping, and four certificates, &c. relating thereto. 6 *parts of pages.*

Aug. 14. 31. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Waller of London, merchant, as to certain Smyrna galls, seized by the City garbler for the City duties; praying for the grant of a "*noli prosequi.*" Dated 14 Aug. 1695.

Minuted:—"A *noli prosequi* to be entered for y^e K. part."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 16. 32. Letter, by direction of the Lords of the Admiralty, from Mr. Bridgeman to Mr. Lowndes, secretary of the Treasury, for certain papers to be sent relating to the making a register for seamen. Dated 16 Aug. 1695. 1 *page.*

Aug. 20. 33. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of divers merchants, trading to Virginia, who conceived themselves oppressed by the impost of 3*d.* per pound laid on tobacco imported from the English plantations, &c. Dated 20 Aug. 1695.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs must discourse w^th the merch^ts upon this."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 20. 34. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of Micaiah Perry and two others concerned in the Virginia trade, recommending that they should be favoured in the payment of duties on sweet scented tobacco. Dated 20 Aug. 1695.

Minuted:—"A warr^t drawne."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

Aug. 7 and 21. 35. Presentments of the Com^rs for Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, as to what money was due to them and the claims made upon them. Dated 7 and 21 Aug. 1695. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Aug. 22. 36. Report of Chas. Dering, Auditor-General, addressed to the Lord Deputy General and General Government of Ireland, as to

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what was due to the Com^rs for stating the accounts of the army and those employed by them for their salaries. Dated 22 Aug. 1695. 1¼ *pages.*

Aug. 22. 37. Letter signed "Wm. Beeston" [governor of Jamaica] to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that by the fleet, which arrived 23 July, he received the King's letter, and with it the credits of Sir Joseph Herne and Sir Stephen Evance, for the subsistence of Col. Lillingston's regiment, and the King's bounty of 4,000*l.*, towards the relief of the people of that island, who had their estates destroyed by the French; the credits were accepted, the regiment was mustered soon after its arrival, but several had died since, they being generally very weak and sickly; he was obliged to send them into the country for fresh air, which would add to the difficulty of mustering them, but none should be returned who were not alive. Dated Jamaica, 22 Aug. 1695. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 22. 38. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the memorial of the Com^rs of Accounts and reporting that there was due to them on 31 Jan. last 2,430*l.*; in favour of paying a moiety of their demand, and the remainder at Michaelmas 1696, &c. Dated 22 Aug. 1695.

Also the memorial. 5 *pages.*

July 29 and Aug. 23. 39. Two letters on the same subject, the last docquetted:—"Mr. Povey's letter from the Lords of the committee for the Com^rs of Customs, to attend about the next year's trade," addressed to Mr. Lowndes. Dated 29 July and 23 Aug. 1695. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 28. 40. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Arthur Shallet, of London, merchant, as to the payment of his bonds for duties at the custom-house, by the debts due to him for transport service. Declining to give their opinion for balancing one debt by another. Dated 28 Aug. 1695.

Minuted:—"27 Sept. 1695. On this a letter for 3,721*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*"

Also two memorials, a letter, and a certificate.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 90, 27 Sept. 1695, is: "3,721^li 8^s 8^d to be issued out of loans on the coal act, to M^r Fox, for y^e Com^rs of Transports, who are to apply the same to pay so much in part of 15,000^li due to Arthur Shallet for y^e service of 6 transport ships to enable him to clear his bonds at the custom house." 5 *pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 31. 41. Letter of the officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the powder makers had complained that the East India Company had not allowed the accustomed tare, nor delivered the whole quantity of saltpetre (500 tons) according to contract; praying that the governor might attend to meet the powder makers thereon. Dated 31 Aug. 1695.

Also the paper containing the complaint.

Minuted to the effect that the governor or some of the committee were to attend.

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In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 83, 10 Sept. 1695, is the following: "Officers of Ordnance with powder makers & members of East India Compª, upon a complt of yᵉ powder-makers that part of the 500 tons [of] peter last delivered was Dutch peter, not as good as yᵉ sample, & 2ly the Compª has not allowd the tare as usuall. Sr John Fleet saies of yᵉ 500 tons, the Compª has delivered 42 of their owne impº. That those concerned wth the powder-makers have exchd theirs for Dutch peter, and the Company's invoices falling short, he went & bought Dutch peter at 70li a tonn, for the remainder (their owne being sold at 60li) and if refracted at 7½ p cent. se[es] no cause to complaine. (The K. has it at 45li per ton.) Their invoices fell short, because when the 'Modena' was cast away, the goods in the 'Cha. 2.' & other ships were extreamly damaged. Mr. Richardson saies 7½ per cent. is onely the allowance in Holl[an]d, but it will not refine the peter. Sr John saies thepowder-makers shall have none of yᵉ Dutch peter, but theyl supply it out of the shipp 'Hawk,' now come from Indª. As to the tare Sr Jnº saies the Compª will deliver 500 tons turn'd out of the baggs, & no more can be expected. It is proposed that if yᵉ cloath of yᵉ bags be yᵉ same as formerly, yᵉ tare be yᵉ same. They are to satisfye yemselves whether the cloath be altered or not."

Again at p. 97 is another minute, in which "My Lords desire the Compª not to dispose of any peter they have, which they promise."

Further minutes, at pp. 137 and 144, on the same subject, they state that the complaint of the powder-makers was "thought very frivolous." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 3. 42. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Callant of London, sworn broker, as to the payment of 8*s. per cwt.* above the 25 per cent. levied on French molasses. Dated 3 Sept. 1695.

Minuted:—"Read 10th 7br '95. The dispute is about an appropriated duty and therefore my Lds can give no direction, but it must be decided by law."

The petition and the opinions of the law officers thereon. 5½ *pages.*

Sept 3. 43. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Boyle, concerning the seizure of 400*l.* of the petitioner's money, by the officers of the port of Swansea; the same being entered at the custom house, and shipped coastwise for Bristol, under the denomination of butter. Dated 3 Sept. 1695.

Minuted:—"Comrs of Customs to informe themselves whether this was heavy money or much clipt."

Also the petition, and divers other papers connected therewith 13 *pages or parts of pages.*

Sept. 5. 44. The Report of the above Comrs in pursuance of the last minute. Dated 5 Sept. 1695.

Minuted:—"6.7br '95. To the Comr to give direction for yᵉ dilligent prosecution of yᵉ seizure." 1 *page.*

Sept. 10. 45. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of George Medcalfe, in favour of his being continued

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to assist Mr. Bridges, the solicitor of the Customs; he having assisted Mr. Hutchinson, the late soliciter for eight yeurs; recommending an allowance to him of 100*l.* a year in addition to 50*l.* to be allowed by Mr. Bridges. Dated 10 Sept. 1695.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition. 1 *page and* 2 *parts.*

Sept. 12. 46. Report signed 'Jo. Taylor,' addressed to the Lords [of the Treasury], on the demands made by Sir Leonard Robinson, Knt. Chamberlain of London for charges and allowance for paying in loans on the third 4*s.* aid, and for the duties on marriages. The sum in question was 1,434*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* Dated 12 Sept. 1695.

Minuted:—"Per tallys on excise 9th Octr 1695, warrt drawn."

Also the petition, an affidavit relating thereto and "an accot of charges paid for paying into the Exchequer 311,000*l.* loans made on ye third four shillings aide and alsoe for paying into ye Excheqr 85,900li loans made on marriages, &c., amounting in all to ye sum of 396,900li." 3½ *pages.*

Sept. 12. 47. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a vessel supposed to have been seized by the officers of Customs at Harwich, on suspicion of her going to France. Dated 12 Sept. 1695.

Minuted:—"Read when Comrs Navy come."

Also a letter from the custom house officers respecting the same. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 13. 48. Report of Sir Christopher Wren to the Lords of the Treasury, who had directed him to view a convenient place in the Savoy to make a house for the Martial of the Forces and to estimate the charge; stating that he had several times viewed all parts of the place, with the officer concerned, and with the consent of the Earl of Rumney; and they had "pitched upon the west end of that wing of the hospital which was employed by the guards," specifying what he proposed should be done, together with the cost. Dated 13 Sept. 1695.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 98, 16 Oct. 1695, is the following entry:—"The money reported for fitting up a Marshalsea in the Savoy, to be paid and placed to account of contingencies."

The letter directing the making of the above report, a letter signed Geo. Clarke, stating the accommodation requisite and the plan and elevation. 4 *pages or parts of pages.*

Sept. 16. 49. An Abstract of Mr. Warburton's account of the English and inland Irish post office, from Lady Day 1685, that is to say, of the English letters to the 16th of May 1689, and of the inland Irish post office to Christmas 1688.

Concluding with a memorial signed Wm. Aldworth, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, shewing that the Irish post office produced about 1,500*l.* in a quarter of a year, &c., submitting that an able person should be deputed at Dublin to compute the receipts and issues of that revenue. Dated 16 Sept. 1695.

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Referred to the Post-Master General to report thereon. 2 *large pages.*

Sept. 24. 50. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that Brigadier Wolseley brought over with him His Majesty's letters, countersigned by their Lordships, for certain forfeited estates in a schedule, to be granted him, by way of custodiam, for three years, to the extent of 1,000*l.*; but his Excellency found most of them had been given away or encumbered, and the brigadier had only passed two of the value of 371*l. per ann.*; two other lists had been submitted and reported on to be of the value of 609*l. per ann.*; recommending a custodiam of the same and pressing despatch; for he had promised to take care of it, otherwise he could not have withstood the Brigadier's importunity for leave to go to England to solicit it himself, which would have been a disservice to the King, he using great application to put forward all His Majesty's affairs in Parliament, where no man was better heard. Dated Dublin Castle, 24 Sept. 1695.

Accompanied by the report of the Com^rs^ of Forfeitures.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 132, 14 Jan. 1695–6 is :—"Countess of Longford & Mr. Hughs agent for Brigad^r^ Wolseley, Mr. Conyers of counsell for her, he desires the estate of Whitefriars, in Ireland, may be granted to her subject to Coll^o^ Wolseley's custodiam, Mr. Dobbins of counsell for Coll^o^ Wolseley desires the custodiam may passe; he saies my Lord Longford mortgaged the estate to Arthur & his equity of redemption was foreclosed." 3¾ *pages.*

Sept. 5 to 25. 51. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to an establishment for the officers, salaries and other charges necessary in the management of the new duties upon coals and culm, transmitting a presentment of and scheme for the management of the duty thereon.

The presentment, dated 5 Sept. 1695, and the scheme.

Minuted:—"My Lords think ye Comp^r^ & Rec^r^ in Lond^o^ may & ought to serve for this duty." With various other orders by their Lordships to carry out the scheme.

Also another presentment on the same subject, dated 10 Sept. 1695. And an "Extract of a presentment to the Lords Com^rs^ of the Treasury by the Com^rs^ of the Customes in 1679 for retrenching of officers."

Minuted:—"My Lords agree to what is here offered," &c. &c.

Two other presentments, dated 18 and 25 Sept. 1695, as to the establishment of officers with a list of "names of persons sent by the Com^rs^ to be coll^rs^ of the coal duty upon the inland rivers," together with a copy of the one, dated 25 Sept., which has a minute on the back that it was read again 10 May 1698, &c.

In the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, p. 91, on 27 Sept. 1695, is the following :—"The Com^rs^ of Customs may employ the Rec^r^ of y^e^ coal duty for the church of Pauls to receive the King's new duty on coles till there be an establishm^t^ of that office." 16 *pages and parts of pages.*

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Sept. 10 and 25. 52. Copy of the memorial of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners of war, respecting an estimate of the cost of building a new prison at Plymouth by the King's command for prisoners of war. [The estimate was 656*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* for a prison to hold 300 prisoners.] Dated 10 Sept. 1695.

Two letters (one dated 25 Sept. 1695) and a balance sheet relating thereto.

Minuted:—"The money to be pd for sick & wounded." 1 *page and two parts.*

Sept. 27. 53. Letter by command of the Lords Justices of England to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing an extract of Mr. Blathwayt's letter, whereby His Majesty's approval was signified of their Lordships' report, for the encouragement of the Lustring Company to carry on a trade to Piedmont. Dated 27 Sept. 1695.

Also the said extract.

Minuted:—"Orders to be given pursuant to the report. Some of the Lustring Comp. to be here on Tuesd. afternoon." *parts of* 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Sept. 27. 54. Representation of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their Lordships' warrant to discharge one Mr. Wood from 122*l.* 16*s.*, the residue of 300*l.* set "*in super*" in the Exchequer. Dated 27 Sept. 1695.

Minuted:—"A privy seal to discharge this."

Two other papers relating thereto. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 28. 55. Letter from Mr. Francis Babe to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he sent the Com^rs of the Revenue a letter, dated 25 May, which, if put in execution, would improve the excise 10,000*l.* *per ann.*, he enclosed a copy of the part relating thereto, with the Com^rs answer, dated 1 June, and his reply of 17 June; he also sent another letter, dated 29 June, proposing certain methods for the improved management of the hearth money, a copy of which he also enclosed; he had spent much of his time at Cork and Kinsale, when the Calais fleet was there; and also at Ventry, where the "Henry" of London, an East India ship, was forced ashore and lost, out of which 25,000*l.* of goods had been saved; he had laid two papers before the Com^rs of the Revenue, the *first*, showing that the additional excise would be of no advantage to the Crown, and that an additional duty on tobacco imported out of England would be a loss, when granted but for a year; the *second* paper was as to the imposition, by the Act of tonnage and poundage, of a duty of 3*d.* a pound on tobacco imported to Ireland out of England above the 2½*d.* then received; he further states that matters had been "indifferent smoothly" carried on between the Com^rs of the Revenue and himself, and recommends William Strong, Esq. to act in place of Mr. Sedgwick, deceased. Dated Dublin, 28 Sept. 1695.

This encloses the copies of the three letters above referred to. 9 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

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Sept. 29. 56. "An abstract of the produce of His Ma^ties revenue in Ireland for one quarter ended at Michaelmas 1695." 1 *page.*

[? Sept.] 57. A representation by the officers of the Excise who quitted their employment in the year [1695], made to the Lords of the Treasury. They state that on the 23rd of August they attended the Treasury Chambers, not knowing on what account they were sent for, and were asked the reasons why they resigned their employments, but not being fully prepared to answer, they only gave such reasons as readily occurred to them. They now laid before their Lordships their reasons, under 13 divisions. Their principal complaints seem to have been against Mr. Everard, the general surveyor of London, who they said was absolutely unqualified for such a station; further that all vacancies in London were supplied with country officers, and they believed a thorough change was aimed at in the London Brewery, by bringing up country officers aud sending the London officers into the country. They repudiate the charge of combination to lay down their employment. Undated, but see the *Minute Book*, vol. 6, pp. 72–74, where are entered the examinations of the several officers, and at p. 76 is the following minute, 28 Aug. 1695:—

"To write to the Com^rs of Excise that the officers (heard 21st instant) having been heard upon the reasons of their quitting y^e service, my L^ds think fitt to direct that none of y^e s^d officers be hereafter imployed in y^e Excise w^tout particular direction of this Board." 5 *pages* (*brief size*).

Oct. 2. 58. Letter of the Earl of Montague, Master of the Great Wardrobe, to William Lowndes, Esq., respecting a present for Tripoli, consisting of cloth and gold watches. In a postscript he desires Mr. Lowndes to lay before their Lordships a warrant for the new lodgings at Richmond. Dated 2 Oct. 1695.

Also a requisition signed "Dorsett" for a great variety of articles to be supplied for His Majesty's immediate service in his house at Richmond Park. Dated 22 Sept. 1695. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 59. Representation by the magistrates of Bristol, addressed to Charles Brawne, Esq., at Redlinch, that the collectors of the King's tax, had made complaint to them, that by reason of the badness and scarcity of silver, it was impossible to make good their collections; unless they were permitted to receive and pay guineas, at 30*s.*; praying to have the matter laid before the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 2 Oct. 1695. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 3. 60. Copy of report of Mr. S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Rayner, Esq., who was farmer of the perquisites of courts, escheat lands, &c., in the lordship and soke of Kirton in Lindsey, Lincoln, and had discovered divers small parcels of land at Missen within that lordship, and desired a lease thereof for 31 years, to be passed with the small parcels in Spalding and Kirton; advising that if their Lordships granted the same, one-sixth of the yearly value should be reserved, &c.

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The messuage and lands in Yaddelthorpe were granted to Dr. Willm. Lincoln for 31 years, in 1660, and the lease had expired in 1691, but as the lands were so interspersed no one until the petitioner had offered to accept them ; advising that he should have them. Dated 3 Oct. 1695.

Minuted :—"Agreed."

Also copy of the petition. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 7. 61. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Peirce, one of the five under-searchers in the port of London ; in favour of admitting Mr. Thomas Walker as his deputy. Dated 7 Oct. 1695.

Minuted :—"Agreed."

Accompanied by the petition and a certificate. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 7. 62. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Jeremiah Holycross, setting forth that he served 12 years in the customs as waiter and searcher at Sydmouth, in the port of Exeter, and was turned out of his employment without any fraud laid to his charge ; praying to be admitted a tidesman in fee. The report admits that the terms of the petition are true, but states that he was dismissed for drunkenness and debauchery. Dated 7 Oct. 1695.

Also the petition. 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 8. 63. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. John Ward, late agent to the Earl of Bath's regiment, in favour of his being paid 800*l.* in part of the clearings of the regiment, from 1 April 1692 to 1 April 1693, and the remaining 1,000*l.*, when the regiment should be fully cleared. Dated 8 Oct. 1695.

Minuted :—"To be layd before ye K. when ye E. of Ranelagh is present. To be paid when the clearings are paid. But if it be a particular case on an Order of Counsel my Lords are to examine it and to give him relief according as they find his case." *Again,* "The 800*l.* to be p^d."

Also the petition and a letter relating thereto. 2½ *pages.*

Oct. 9. 64. Copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the chief officers of the army in the great chamber of the Horse Guards on 9 Oct. 1695, in relation to a petition of Elizabeth Culliford in behalf of the orphans of Capt. William Webster, late of Lieut.-Gen. Kirk's regiment, who lost his life at Phillipstown in Ireland, viz. : for application to be made to the King for the payment of 122*l.* 10*s.* out of the contingencies of the army, which had been respited.

Minuted :—"To M^r Clark to prepare a warr^t for taking off the respitts." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Oct. 9. 65. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Cornelius Dennis, and several other English merchants ; in favour of granting a "*non pros.*" as was desired ; they being owners of the ship "Two Friends" whichhad brought

1695. certain currants and other Turkey commodities, which were seized, under pretence that the ship was of foreign build. Dated 9 Oct. 1695.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 4½ *pages.*

Oct. 9. 66. Agent's report concerning the arrear due from Mr. Bearcroft, late receiver of the taxes for the county of Worcester. Dated 9 Oct. 1695.

[In December 1691, the receiver having sent up 6,500*l.*, of the King's money, the waggon, at a place near Gerard's Cross, in the county of Bucks, was robbed of 2,343*l.* or thereabouts.]

Minuted:—"9 Oct. 1695. My Lords will allow Mr Bearcroft 2,500*l.* for his loss and charges by the robbery, by tally on ye Excise; but he & his suretys must first pay in his whole arreare as recr, & clear his accot." 1 *page.*

Oct. 11. 67. Presentment by the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had been obliged on occasion of the King's arrival, to leave a discretionary liberty with the land-surveyor, on the coming up of the King's goods, &c. or of persons of quality attending His Majesty, to go with the goods to their respective houses, for their immediate accommodation, &c.: praying their Lordships' approbation thereof. Dated 11 Oct. 1695.

Minuted:—"My Lords cannot give a genll liberty." 1 *page.*

Oct. 12. 68. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. John Baber, solicitor, for prosecuting and defending causes before the Comrs of Excise and Appeals in London and the weekly bills of mortality; respecting the nature and manner of discharging his duties, the method of hearing complaints, &c. by the Commissioners, their jurisdiction, &c.; containing detailed historical particulars of this office. Dated 12 Oct. 1695.

Also the petition. 11 *pages.*

Oct. 14. 69. "A state of the case relating to the gallon made use of in Ireland for measuring liquids containing 217·6 cubick inches."

A paper so entitled, containing a good deal of information relating to the gallon measure, the laws regulating it, &c.

On the other side is—

A copy of the opinion of Sir John Mead, one of His Majesty's counsel at law, on the case submitted to him relating to the gallon measure, expressing the opinion that the duty on wines, &c. ought to be received according to the 217 cubic inches. Dated 14 Oct. 1695. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 15. 70. Memorial of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for directions as to the payment of guineas at 30*s.* each by the brewers for their duties in consequence of the scarcity of silver money. Dated 15 Oct. 1695.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 98, 16 Oct. 1695, is the following entry:—"My Lord Godolphin informs the King of the hindrance in the collection of the taxes, by the bad moneys, and their forbearing

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to give any direction concerning guineas current at 30^{sh} w^{ch} prejudices the Exchange. The King saies they must hold it out as long as they can, without coming to any direction." 1 *page.*

Oct. 15. 71. Presentment by the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them an examination before a notary at Falmouth, of Timothy Evans and others, mariners, lately belonging to the "Isaac," brigantine of London; which in coming from Barbadoes was taken by a French privateer, retaken by Capt. Hutchins, commander of one of His Majesty's Groin packet boats, and was stolen out of the harbour of the Groin by a shallop, with 25 men; which shallop, upon sight of a vessel coming out of the Groin, quitted the brigantine again to the possession of the English, and the brigantine was afterwards seized by a Dutch privateer, named the "Mount Etna," &c. Moving their Lordships that the Dutch Ambassador might be applied to, in order that further proceedings might be prevented, the ship and cargo being about to be condemned as prize. Dated 15 Oct. 1695.

Also the examination. 2½ *pages* (*one brief size*).

Oct. 16. 72. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Wm. Blathwayt, Esq., His Majesty's Secretary at War, as to certain Indian goods imported by him from Holland, and by the Act of Navigation forfeited. Recommended for favourable consideration. Dated 16 Oct. 1695.

The memorial and list of the goods. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 18. 73. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Dr. Robert Gorge, praying payment of his salary as secretary to the late Duke of Schomberg, and for 6*s.* a day granted to him by King Charles II. on the establishment of the kingdom; stating that he had referred it to the Attorney-General, whose report he transmitted, adding that the case seemed to deserve compassion. Dated 18 Oct. 1695.

[The report not now with it.]

Minuted:—"14 Ap. '97 rejected." 1 *page.*

Oct. 21. 74. Letter by command of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the Attorney and Solicitor General, sending the petitions and other papers concerning Robert McCarroll, merchant, desiring them to certify wherein the report of the Com^{rs} of the Revenue in Ireland, and McCarroll's answer differ; and what were the particulars which remained in controversy concerning the ships and goods claimed by McCarroll. Dated 21 Oct. 1695. 1 *page.*

[About Oct. 26.] 75. An address of the knights, citizens, and burgesses in Parliament assembled, to his Excellency Henry Lord Capell, Baron of Tewkesbury, Lord Deputy-General, and General Governor of Ireland, praying that he would order 600*l.* to be paid to Mr. Warburton, clerk assistant to the late House of Commons out of the funds given or promised to His Majesty; as they found that the former order of 28 July 1666, for the payment of that sum, had not been carried out, and by their resolves of 26 Oct 1695, they had

1695. agreed that it was still due; assuring his Excellency that if the funds fell short of paying the sums intended for the present supply of 163,325*l.* and 30,000*l.* for the debts of the army, and 6,000*l.* to the sons of Sir Audley Mervin, and this 600*l.*, they would make it good in the next sessions.

Accompanied by a copy of an order in his favour. Dated 28 July 1666. 1¾ *pages.*

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Nov. 5. 1. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the Commons having taken into consideration the debts due from the army to the country, and a debt of 6,000*l.* to the children of Sir Audley Mervin, formerly Speaker of that House, for his long and faithful services to the Protestant interest in that kingdom, had addressed him, to beseech the King to allow 30,000*l.* to be paid to persons who had stated their accounts due from the army, which sum, and 6,000*l.* to the heirs of Sir Audley Mervin, they were desirous should be paid out of the additional duty on tobacco and other commodities: inclosing their address, and also another in favour of Mr. Richard Warburton, clerk's assistant to the House of Commons, for 600*l.* for his services. Dated 5 Nov. 1695.

Accompanied by the address.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 103, 15 Nov. 1695, mention is made that these addresses were to be laid before the King; and again at p. 114, 27 Nov. 1625, these addresses were read and respited. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 5. 2. An application of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, for 500*l.* or 600*l.*, to defray the expenses of prosecutions and defences of suits for the Crown: further laying before them, that for all the business of the last Trinity term he received not one penny, and had to borrow 200*l.* or 300*l.*, to carry on his duty, &c. Dated 5 Nov. 1695.

Minuted:—"For the K. ———. Done ——. Mr. Aaron Smith to acco[t] before Lady Day next or else my Lords to rep[rese]nt to the King again."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 114, 27 Nov. 1695, is the same minute.

Also a list of the prosecutions, &c. for Michaelmas Term 1695. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 8. 3. A letter from the Lords of the Council in Ireland, to the Duke of Shrewsbury, stating that encouragement had been given to the French Protestants to plant in that kingdom, and 450*l.* was to be raised out of fines of leases, and paid to Mr. Moden, to transport them

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thither, and altogether 1,500*l.* was to be raised; in expectation of which, many families came, whose necessities were so pressing that they were supplied out of the *concordatum* to the extent of 400*l.*; but that being charged with the rebuilding the Four Courts, &c., and the Treasury being so low, they could not supply them further; praying him to move the King to send the intended relief. Dated 8 Nov. 1695.

Minuted:—"To be laid before y^e^ K." 1 *page.*

Nov. 11. 4. Report of Robt. Rochfort, Attorney-General for Ireland, on the petition of Sir Lawrence Parsons, Bart., as to an arrear of Crown rent of 305*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* out of the rectory of Dunboyne, in the county of Meath: advising that he should have the discharge he prayed for. Dated 11 Nov. 1695.

Accompanied by—

Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs at Dublin to the [Lords Justices], on the petition of Sir Lawrence Parsons, Bart., relating to the rectory of Dunboyne, finding that it was charged with 70*l.* 16*s.* 8¼*d. per ann.*, and that it was returned in arrears by the collector of the district of Trim, in 1688, 305*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.*

The petitioner for some time after the abdication defended the castle of Birr for their Majesties' service, till he was forced to surrender, and in Feb. 1688 was confined, and soon after condemned to be executed, and was kept 16 months in confinement.

The tithes of that rectory were set for more than 200*l.*, yet they could not conceive that the profits could be applied to the discharge of the arrears, but the petitioner deserved favour. Dated 22 Feb. 1694–5.

On the dorse is:—"The Lords Justices can give no ans^r^ on this pet^n^." 3 *pages.*

Nov. 11. 5. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Mr. Arthur Baily, a considerable Virginian trader; as to the allowance of 6 *per cent.* for the time unexpired, of the bonds given by him for impost duty. Dated 11 Nov. 1695.

Minuted:—"A warr^t^ for Mr. Baily. But as to ye settlem^t^ by law, my Lords desire when they next attend they will come prepared with the form of such a settlement as they desire."

Also another paper relating thereto. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 15. 6. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a letter from the Earl of Montague, touching some china and Indian pictures, which came from Holland, for his Lordship's use; which were not of 30*l.* value. Dated 15 Nov. 1695.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs^ may do it as well as they can." 1 *page.*

[About Nov. 16.] 7. A list of the French refugee ministers in England, with their ages. Also a roll of the Royal Charity, showing the rates which the French ministers had received from the year 1686 to 1695. [*French.*]

Referred 16 Nov. 1695. 2 *large pages.*

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Nov. 19. 8. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching the impost duty on tobacco, suggesting that there should be a regular settlement of the subject by law. Dated 19 Nov. 1695. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 19. 9. Letter of Mr. Francis Babe to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the importation of French goods in a ship which sailed from Ireland to Bilboa, in Spain, and returned with a French as well as a Spanish pass; the crew on the outward voyage were all subjects of the King of England, and were discharged at St. Sebastian's, and a new crew of Spaniards taken aboard, which had been the common practice. By this means 200 or 300 of our seamen were forced to beg from door to door, besides those in other parts of Spain and Portugal. He had given notice to the Com^rs of Revenue that he had seized the ship, but they gave no directions for putting the goods into the King's store. He gives a further account of the proceedings in relation to the ship, which, without consulting him the Com^rs admitted to an entry contrary to the Lord Deputy's order, &c.; the design he had in this seizure was, to detect a constant trade and correspondence with France. A Scotch merchant's letter, who resided in Dublin, was seen and read in France, giving an account of a great number of transport ships for the invasion of France, some little time before the disappointment we met with at St. Malo. [St. Malo bombarded in 1695.] Dated 19 Nov. 1695. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 19. 10. Petition of Samuel Shepheard, of London, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had bought of the Com^rs of Prizes the French man-of-war, the "Invincible," lying in Kinsale, in Ireland, and had fitted her for the King's service as a cruiser; and having occasion to send cables, &c., for the use of the ship (now named the "Scarborough,") he prayed to be allowed to ship them duty free.

Also a letter from him to William Loundes, Esq., on the same subject. Dated 19 Nov. 1695. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 21. 11. Order in Council to His Majesty's stationer, to provide and deliver to Henry, Bishop, of London, 20 large folio Bibles, 20 Common Prayer Books, in folio, 20 books of the Canons, 20 copies of the 39 Articles, and 20 tables of marriage, to be sent to Maryland. Dated 21 Nov. 1695.

Minuted:—"22^th Sep^r '97. Respited."

With a memorandum of the delivery thereof. 1½ *pages.*

Nov. 22. 12. A certificate of Chas. Chetwynd, Deputy Auditor of Wales, that there was due and payable to Sir John Combes, Knight, as Chief Justice of Chester, by ancient usage, 500*l. per ann.*, for his salary, which was to commence on 5 May last. Dated 22 Nov. 1695. ½ *page.*

[About Nov. 22.] 13. Petition of Richard Butler to the King, showing that several sums were due to him, that he had been in many ways serviceable to the King; had never received any reward, and had been a great

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sufferer by the loss of his employment as customer in the port of Boston; praying that his case might be referred to the Lords of the Treasury.

With a note at the foot, that it was so referred on 22 Nov. 1695.

Accompanied by the case of the petitioner as referred to their Lordships. Amongst other things it states that the petitioner proposed to Henry Viscount Sydney, now Earl of Romney, then Secretary of State, the method of raising seamen, which took good effect, and had been observed ever since.

Also six other brief documents touching the case. 8 *pages, or parts of pages.*

Nov. 23. 14. Report of the Com^rs of Customs of Dublin, stating that they had received a command from the Lord Deputy to admit Mr. Reading [in place of Sir Richard Levinge], as counsel to the Com^rs of Revenue; and the reason why they had not long since made a report on Mr. Medlycot's petition concerning the employment was, that they were directed by his Excellency to make no report without his further order. Dated 23 Nov. 1695.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K."

"S^r Rich^d Levinge, late Soll^r Gen^ll, & councill to y^e Comm^rs of ye Revenue of Irl^d, being remov'd, my L^d Deputy recomends to 'em M^r Jn^o Reding, as a person duely qualify'd to serve His Ma^ty as their Councill for his good knowledge in y^e law, his perfect honesty and integrity, & his having been very instrumental in bringing over y^e party from adhering to ye sole right, & of great use in promoting ye public mony bills, & desires ye L^ds of ye Treasury to concur w^th him in y^e approbation of M^r. Reding for ye said employm^t, at ye usual salary of 100^li p. an." ¾ *of a page.*

Nov. 25. 15. Letter signed William Blathwayt, addressed to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing a copy of the answer of the Assembly of Virginia, with the abstract of their journal relating to a proposal made to them by Sir Edmund Andros, Governor-in-Chief of that colony, in pursuance of Her Majesty's order of 19 July 1692, for making a law to prohibit the exportation of tobacco in bulk; desiring, on the part of the Committee of Trade and Plantation, their Lordships' opinion. Dated 25 Nov. 1695.

Accompanied by the abstract referred to, but the answer of the Assembly is not now with it. 2½ *pages.*

Nov. 26. 16. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Fitzgerald, Esq., concerning the arrears of salary due to him as comptroller of the musters and cheques of the army in Ireland, since Michaelmas 1688, at 365*l. per ann.*, and 100*l. per ann.* for his deputy; transmitting the reports of the Muster-Master-General, the Deputy Receiver-General, and the Attorney-General, to whom he had referred the matter; advising that the King might grant the arrears from 1 Jan. 1691. Dated 26 Nov. 1695.

Minuted:—"Read 30 Mar. '95. The K. will be putt in mind of it when my Lords Ranelagh & L^d Coningsby attend."

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Accompanied by copies of the petition, a report of Stephen Fox, and others, and a letter of Lord Sydney; also a warrant and a report of the Attorney-General. 5 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

Nov. 26. 17. Memorial of Sir Joseph Herne and Sir Stephen Evance to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that 8,557*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* were due to them, for clothing the Earl of Donegall's and Col. Cunningham's regiments in April 1693; praying to be allowed interest, on account of the delay in paying the same. Dated 26 Nov. 1695.

Minuted:—"To Lord Coningsby & Mr. Fox, to state this interest."

A certificate as to the amounts and times of payment of the said sum. 2 *pages.*

[About Nov. 26.] 18. Petition of Edward Lord Bishop of Worcester, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that Philip Bearcroft, receiver of the taxes for Worcester, being robbed of moneys which he was bringing to London in a waggon (including 100*l.* belonging to the Bishop), had applied for an allowance of the whole money; praying that before it was paid, if it were allowed, the said Bearcroft should pay the 100*l.*

Minuted:—"Read 26 9^{br} '95, My Lords do not think it reasonable that y^{e} allowance made y^{e} rec^{r} should be applyed to any other debt than that w^{ch} he owes ye K. in the Exchequ^{r}, and his Lop will have his remedy at law." 1 *page.*

[? About Nov. or Dec.] 19. Petition of Thos. Medlicut, barrister-at-law, referring to his former petition to be appointed counsel to the Com^{rs} of the Revenue of Ireland, on which their Lordships had referred him favourably to the Com^{rs}, who had then returned a report admitting his fitness for the office; praying to be confirmed in the appointment.

Minuted:—"16 April '97. Rejected."

Accompanied by the former petition, a certificate in his favour signed Rob. Rochford [Attorney-General for Ireland], a letter from Mr. Lowndes, sending the petition to the Com^{rs}, and their report above referred to, which admitted his fitness, but added that they were commanded by his Excellency the Lord Deputy to admit Mr. Redding to that employment. The report is dated 20 Nov. 1695, and the petition above described would probably be a little later. 5 *parts of pages.*

Dec. 2. 20. Estimate of the general debt of the Transport Office, as it stood at Michaelmas 1695, (the Irish transport debt excepted,) with an account of what money remained in their hands at that time, and what had been since paid to ships taken up on several occasions, and for provisions and other expenses attending the office. Dated 2 Dec. 1695.

Also a state of the whole transport debt at the same time, including the above. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 3. 21. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury respecting certain wines brought home by Admiral Russell, which he

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affirmed to be the remainder of his sea stores, &c., the custom on which would be about 140*l.*; stating that they had no directions to pass them custom free. Dated 3 Dec. 1695. 1 *page.*

Dec. 3. 22. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Willm. Williams to the King as to certain goods seized of the value of 1,445*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*, stating that the King was entitled to two-thirds of the value thereof. Dated 3 Dec. 1695.

Minuted:—"The K. reserves this mo. for other uses."

The petition and a schedule of the goods. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 4. 23. Memorial signed Lance[lot] Burton, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that the premium of 2*l. per cent.* might be paid him, and for a minute of 2*l. per cent. per ann.* more for the 4,000*l.* lent the 16th Nov. upon the hereditary and temporary excise, for the expenses abroad, in the last campaign, &c. Dated 4 Dec. 1695. 1 *page.*

Dec. 4. 24. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Botelor, as to certain moneys due to the King, on account of informations which the petitioner sought to obtain, the King having encouraged him to ask for some boon. Advising that the King might dispose of the forfeitures as he saw fit. Dated 4 Dec. 1695.

Minuted:—"The K. reserves this mo[ney] for other uses."

Accompanied by the petition and a report on the case, signed "G. Medcalfe." 3½ *pages.*

Dec. 7. 25. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting two petitions of Sir James Caldwell for a grant of some forfeited lands in Ireland, which petitions had been examined by the Com[rs] of Forfeitures and the King's Solicitor-General, by whose reports it appeared a great part of the lands desired were given away, and so the petitioner had made application to the Lord Lieutenant in relation to the estate of Dudley Bagnall, which his Excellency referred to the Com[rs] and the Attorney-General, whose reports he transmitted, and was of opinion that the petitioner deserved the King's favour for his services and losses. Dated 7 Dec. 1695.

On the back are various particulars respecting the above forfeited lands and the services of the petitioner.

Accompanied by a petition from the said Sir James Caldwell and the two reports referred to, and a memorandum of the yearly rent to the Crown of the said lands in Ballynoone, Ballylow, Oldtowne, and other lands.

The Solicitor-General's report sets forth the following particulars of the services and suffering of the petitioner, viz.:

That about the beginning of February ('88) he raised and maintained several horse and foot at Belleeke, in the county of Fermanagh, for the defence of His Majesty's interest, which forces enabled him to keep a considerable pass there, and the several fords of the River Erne which served to hinder communication between the enemy in

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Connaught, under the command of Sarsfield, and those that lay before Derry; that Sir James by the assistance of his daughter, Elizabeth Caldwell, conveyed several quantities of gunpowder to the garrison at Belleek, Enniskillen, and other places near it, which was of great service to them, there not being two barrels of powder in Enniskillen at that time; that Sir James's house and town of Belleek were besieged by the enemy in May 1689, who endeavoured to make their passage that way, sometimes by threats, sometimes by advantageous proposals to Sir James; that he maintained that pass, and sending to Enniskillen for assistance, joined his forces, fell upon the enemy, killed and took a considerable number prisoners, with two pieces of cannon; that he posted his son Capt. Hugh Caldwell, at Donegall, who being attacked by above 2,000 dragoons, under command of the Duke of Berwick, defended the castle of Donegall; also hearing that Major General Kirk was landed at the Lough of Derry, Sir James went in an open boat many leagues on a dangerous coast, to inform General Kirk of the forces that were in that country, and also of the army that lay before Derry, at which time Major-General Kirk gave him a commission for a regiment of foot, and an independent troop of horse, and sent him back with Col. Wolsley, Col. Winn, and other officers, who, soon after they landed, engaged and routed Col. McCarty; that Sir James's house was made a garrison during the war, till Sligo was reduced, which occasioned great ruin and destruction to his house, town, and improvements, his iron works being pulled down, with several mills and other houses by the soldiers, who had mostly free quarters; his stud of horses and stock of cattle of great value made use of by the army, which was quartered upon him, by all which the petitioner's sufferings and losses were computed at 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.*, &c. This report advises the granting of the estate of Dudley Bagnall, Esq., the rents of which were set for seven years at 96*l.* 16*s.*

Minuted:—"Read 8 Ap. '96. Custodium to be granted." 6 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Dec. 10. 26. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to Sir Scroop Howe and the making up the yearly accounts of excise. Dated 10 Dec. 1695.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 135, 20 Jan. 1695, is the following:—

"An order to be sent to Sir Scroop How requiring him to keep the same number of clerks and allow them y^e^ same sallarys as M^r^ Ashmole did, and to despatch the acc^ts^ of excise according to y^e^ Com^rs^ report of 10 X^br^ '95."

There is also a further minute at p. 279, 21 Apr. 1696, on the same subject:—

"Com^rs^ of Excise, S^r^ Scroop How, & M^r^ Story.—The Com^rs^ desire S^r^ Scroop may keep ye same number of clerks as M^r^ Ashmole did, w^ch^ would carry on y^e^ acco^ts^ of excise for y^e^ time to come; but a greater number wilbe requisite to bring up y^e^ acco^ts^ that are in arreare. S^r^ Scroop saies he has within one as many clerks as there

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were, and enough to carry on y^e^ work there; but twilbe hard for him to find clerks to do y^e^ work, w^ch^ should have been done per his predecessor. M^r^ Story saies if the acc^ts^ were even, he has assistance enough to carry them on, or S^r^ Scroop would allow more. Being asked why these acc^ts^ run in arrear in Ashmole's time, he answers these are properly the Com^rs^ acco^ts^, and they should make them up themselves. M^r^ Ashmole had 9 clerks, S^r^ Scroop has 8. S^r^ Scroop must keep 9 able clerks, w^th^ good sallarys. S^r^ Scroop saies they want in the whole upon their sallarys 40^li^ a year. Ashmole allow'd 720^li^ *per ann.*; none had less than 60^li^ a year. The Com^rs^ say S^r^ Scroop allows but 460^li^ a year, besides one clerk, whose sallary is not knowne to them. My Lords expect he keeps y^e^ same number of clerks and allow as good sallarys as Ashmole did; but as to the extra charge to bring up ye acc^ts^ in arrear, it is not reasonable S^r^ Scroop should be at y^e^ charge. That extra charge to be paid him by way of incidents. M^r^ Story is to propose in writing w^t^ instrum^ts^ he would have & in w^t^ time to make up these acco^ts^." 2 *pages.*

Dec. 10. 27. Letter of Mr. Francis Babe to William Lowndes, Esq., stating that he had written thrice to the Lords of the Treasury, and had received no answer, which made him fear their Lordships' offence; as he had found he (Mr. Lowndes) had been his particular friend he hoped he would continue so. He then says that Capt. Sam. Hobson, a surveyor of customs, who had made several seizures of French goods, had pressed him five or six times to bring the business of the French trade before the Irish House of Commons, but he had declined; upon which Hobson dispersed amongst the members a paper entitled "Severall usefull Queries;" on which a select committee was appointed to examine it, and Mr. Babe was summoned to give information thereon, and although he was not the author, yet he stated he could prove the truth of some articles therein. A trade was carried on by Scotch merchants living in Ireland with France, and through them the enemy were supplied with provisions in the year 1693, when the commonalty of France were perishing for want of bread, and intelligence by letters was sent from Dublin of our naval preparations for a descent on France, and a short time after we were unsuccessful in our attempt on St Malo. These merchants manned their ships outward-bound with Englishmen, and left them in foreign parts to beg, so that some hundreds were begging at St. Sebastians and Bilboa, in Spain.

Upon hearing the matter it appeared Mr. Carleton was considerably concerned in the French trade. Mr. Carleton, out of spite, procured two surveyors to prove certain words uttered by him (Mr. Babe). The House voted that he had committed a high breach of privilege, on which he was confined eight days and received a reprimand on his knees in the house; begging Mr. Lowndes' mediation in case the Com^rs^ of Revenue had endeavoured to incense their Lordships against him. Dated 10 Dec. 1695.

Accompanied by a copy of the "Several useful Queries;" referred to. 4 *pages.*

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?Dec. 10 or 20. 28. "Com^rs [of] Excise answer to a letter from y^e Com^rs of Appeales concerning y^e times of their passing judgments ags^t sev^ll appellants," addressed to the Com^rs for Appeals. Dated 10 Dec. 1695, but 20 Dec. on the docquet. 1 *page.*

Dec. 12. 29. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the petition of Mrs. Jane Eyre, for recompence of the loss sustained by the taking into the fortifications of Galway several plots of ground belonging to her, on which the Solicitor-General had reported, and subsequently Mr. Robinson, chief engineer and surveyor general of the fortifications and works in Ireland, sending the same report and papers and agreeing that the petitioner's request was reasonable, and that the case was "commiserable," but he found the granting thereof might be an ill precedent to encourage many others under the same circumstances to make the like applications. Dated 12 Dec. 1695.

The last report referred to is not now with it; but the Solicitor-General's report is annexed and the docquet to her petition, with this *Minute:*—"Read 30 Mar. '96. My Lord Deputy to propose some other way that may be easier for His Ma^ty to gratifie y^e pet^r." 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Dec. 12 & 13. 30. Copy of an order by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, for the Earl of Mount Alexander and others to wait on the Lord Deputy of Ireland, to request him to recommend to His Majesty Thomas Carter, serjeant-at-arms to the House, for an increase of his salary, from 50*l.* to 100*l.* a year as formerly. Dated 12 Dec. 1695.

Also a memorandum that the Lord Chancellor had waited upon the Lord Deputy, and his Excellency had promised to forward it all he could. Dated 13 Dec. 1695. 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 17. 31. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas South, one of the land waiters in the port of London, praying leave to resign his employment to Mr. John Gilbert, reserving to himself a moiety of the established salary, and on the petition of the said Gilbert to be admitted thereto; announcing that they had appointed Mr. Samuel Dassell. Dated 17 Dec. 1695.

Minuted:—"20 Dec. 1695. Read & agreed to, & Mr. Gilbert to be next provided for."

The said petitions and two others from Thomas Cullum and George Barber. That of Thomas Cullum is accompanied by a certificate. 7 *pages or parts of pages.*

[?About Dec. 18.] 32. Petition of the Hon. the Lady Russell to the King, drawing attention to a promise made by the King to the Archbishop of Canterbury to bestow the office of searcher in the port of Plymouth on the petitioner, then enjoyed by one William Kemp, by an illegal grant; praying for a grant of some of the things in the annexed paper.

Minuted:—"Read 18 Dec. '95. The K. is inclined to do something for y^e pet^r, but not by the particulars proposed." 1 *large page and a quarter.*

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Dec. 18. 33. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Jones, principal creditor and administrator to Major Jenkin Morgan, late of the regiment of horse, sometime commanded by the Lord Hewitt, afterwards by Col. Byerly, and then under command of Col. Hugh Windham; praying payment of what was due for his service in Ireland, and that an order for payment of any part thereof to Mr. Sizer might not take place till the petitioner had been heard; submitting it to their Lordships. Dated 18 Dec. 1695.
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 19. 34. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Clarke, praying for the arrears of pay due to him as ensign in Col. Holt's regiment, in the Leeward Islands. Dated 19 Dec. 1695.
On the dorse are minutes that it was read divers times, and on 11 *Aug.* '97 *is:* "To be considered when the arrears of the reg[iment] are paid." 1½ *pages.*

Dec. 20. 35. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the freight of ships from Holland; including particulars of provisions, &c. for 2,400 men and 100 horses, for 10 days. Dated 20 Dec. 1695. 2 *pages.*

De c.20. 36. Report of the Com^rs^ of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Charles Brawne, who had been security for Mr. John Allen, a collector of excise in Bristol and parts adjacent, who was indebted to the Crown on making up his account. Dated 20 Dec. 1695.
The petition. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 20. 37. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them a list of 200 tidesmen to be established in the port of London; moving that they be established by warrant. Dated 20 Dec. 1695.
Minuted:—"Agreed."
The list divided into two, and a list of others left out; also a copy of a presentment of 27 Oct. 1694 on the same subject. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Dec. 23. 38. Memorial of the Com^rs^ of Revenue (Ireland) to the Lords of the Treasury, giving their account of Mr. Babes' proceedings and his punishment. (*See* 10 Dec.) The "scurvy" treatment they had received from him did not make them forget the respect due to their Lordships' letter, and so they had treated him not according to his demerits, but as one recommended by their Lordships. The new character and scandal which he had drawn on himself in the eyes of the whole kingdom unfitted him to be employed in the management of any part of the revenue; they had found him to be a man void of all sincerity and only bent upon mischief; they hoped that as the Parliament had done them right, their Lordships would not protect a man who on all occasions villified and abused the King's commission; entreating their Lordships' consent to discharge him altogether. Dated 23 Dec. 1695. 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 23. 39. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Hartwell, Esq., and on a report thereon, from the late Lord Lieutenant, wherein the petitioner's loss by the demolition of his castle of Castle Connell, (which was blown-up by His Majesty's express command after the rendition of Limerick,) and the destruction of the improvements he had made there, appeared to amount to 2,000*l.*; sending the reports of the late and present Solicitor-General, and expressing the opinion that as Mr. Hartwell had been since slain at the battle of Landen, his relict was a proper object of compassion, and should have the compensation that was intended for him, viz., 500*l.* and a grant from the forfeitures to make it up to 2,000*l.* Dated 23 Dec. 1695.

Accompanied by two reports thereon from the late and present Solicitor-General; and eight other papers. 12 *pages or parts of pages.*

Dec. 24. 40. Report of the Commissioners of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Canning, brewer, as to the seizure of his brewing utensils and goods. Dated 24 Dec. 1695.

Also the petition. 3 *pages* (*decayed*).

Dec. 27. 41. Memorial of two of the principal officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they were making all possible preparations for new coining the silver money, suggesting alterations which should be made in and about the building and about the management of the work. It throws light on the planning of the building and finishes thus, "That for erecting of stables for the monyers' horses which turn the mills and for enlarging the melting-house, they must unavoidably take away some conveniences from the comptroller, essay master, weigher, and teller and surveyor of the melting, for w^ch^, without your Lord^phs^ directions, they can have no recompence." Dated 27 Dec. '95.

Minuted:—"Officers of Ordnance and Mint to attend Mund^a^ afternoon at 5."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 127, 7 Jan. 1695, is the following:—"To speak to M^r^ Neal about ye room desired for ye office of the Mint." 1 *page.*

Dec. 31. 42. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Earl of Inchiquin; praying that for the future his entertainment of 20*s.* a day, as Governor of Kinsale, might be applied to discharge his Crown and quit rents; sending the Attorney-General's report of the case, and concurring with it that it might be granted during his continuance in the Government of Kinsale. Dated 31 Dec. 1695.

The petition, the report and a certificate of the grant of the office of Governor of the fort and town of Kinsale to the Earl.

Minuted:—"R. 1 May '96. The K. cannot doe this, but he'l recom[men]d it to my Lord Dep^ty^ to pa[y] his arrear as Gov^r^ of Kinsale." 2 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

Dec. 31. 43. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Nehemiah Donnellan, Esq., one of the

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Barons of the Exchequer, for a longer lease of the lands of Longwood and Derinlig, of which he was then in possession ; sending the Attorney's report to whom he had referred it, and approving the granting of a lease for 61 years of Longwood and Derinlig, and for 15 years of the lands of Clonguffin. Dated 31 Dec. 1695.

Accompanied by the petition, an affidavit of Gilbert Donnellan, of the city of Dublin, gent., in relation to these lands, a certificate signed, "James Bonnell, Regr, to the effect that he found in the books of the office that the lands of Longwood and Clonguffin forfeited by Sir Edw. Tyrrell, containing 895 acres, were exposed to 'public cant,' and set to Nehemiah Donnellan, Esq., and the report of the Attorney-General.

Minuted:—"A letter to be prepared." 8 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Dec. 31. 44. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of Mr. McCarrell, sending the Attorney-General's report thereon, to whom he had referred it, expressing the opinion that it was a case for commiseration. In the petition he states that his ships had been seized and confiscated, and he prayed that bonds for 1,491*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.* might be cancelled, and 2,295*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* converted to the King's use, might be allowed him. Dated 31 Dec. 1695. 2½ *pages.*

April to Dec. 45. Monthly accounts of fees received by officers of the Treasury from the month of April to that of December ; the months of August and November being wanting.

In addition for the months of June and July are two accounts of fees at the Treasury for secret service moneys paid. 12½ *pages.*

[? About Dec.] 46. Petition of Margaret Abernathie, widow, to the King, showing that her husband, William Abernathie, served King Charles II. many years, was with him in his exile, and had ever since served the Crown, till he became aged and had a pension of 3*s.* a day allowed him in the Earl of Ranelagh's office; also that he had laid out 200*l.* in that service which was never repaid. Praying for the continuation of the pension to support herself and miserable children.

With a note that it was referred to the Lords of the Treasury. 1 Jan. 1695–6 for their opinion. 1 *page.*

1695. 47. Docquets at the Privy Seal, being abstracts of warrant and grants made up in monthly fasciculi, viz., for the months of March, April, August, September, October, November, and December 1695. 19 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

1693 to 1695. 48. Accounts of money paid by collectors of customs to the Vice-Admirals or their deputies for raising seafaring men ; one for each of the years 1693–4–5. 3 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

[1694 or 1695.] 49. Petition of John Haughton to the Lords of the Treasury, praying that the salary of 40*l.* *per ann.*, attached to the office of Keeper of the Wardrobe in Ludlow Castle, might be settled upon him from Midsummer 1694. The Earl of Dorset, Lord Chamberlain

1695. of the Household, had directed the petitioner to take charge of His Majesty's goods, against which the Earl of Macclesfield had entered a caveat, but had then withdrawn it.

Minuted:—"The pet^r to send an inventory and appraisem^t of all y^e goods."

"Read 14. Send this to my L^d Chamb^rln & that my L^ds do not think it reasonable to allow any salary for y^e keeping these goods." Undated, but the Earl of Dorset Lord Chamberlain of the household had a successor in 1695. 1 *page.*

[1694 or 1695.] 50. A true and exact inventory of such of His Majesty's goods that were delivered to Mr. John Haughton by John Chetwynd, gent., deputy wardrobe keeper of the castle of Ludlow. Without date. But see the above petition of Haughton, to which it is the sequel. 3 *pages.*

[? About 1695.] 51. The case of Charles Atherton, serjeant plumbert o the King who desired to recover 401*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, which Atherton had paid at the request of John Packer, to make up his father's accounts, which sum Packer would not repay.

Also a schedule of Packer's debts.

Without date; but Sir Chr. Wrenn apparently reported on the case 12 April 1695. 1½ *pages.*

[? About 1695.] 52. "Reasons humbly offer'd by W^m Hutchinson for making mettle for halfe pence and farthings;" being six reasons why he should be allowed to furnish a metal to be coined, the secret preparation of which he possessed.

Minuted:—"With office of Mint, send for them."

Also a printed letter relating to the copper coinage.

Without date, but the coinage under consideration in 1695. 2 *pages.*

[About 1695.] 53. Petition of the officers and officers' widows of the two late marine regiments, commanded by the Right Hon. the Marquis of Carmarthen and Sir Cloudesley Shovel; praying for the payment of the money stopped from their pay, viz., 1*s.* in the pound from 1690 to 1693–4.

Minuted:—"State this ag^t next Tre[asu]ry day." 1 *page.*

1695. 54. "The accompt of Barth^o Burton of moneys imprest'd to him by the R^t Hon^ble the Lords Com^rs of their Maj^ts Treasury, to be disposed of as their Lordsp^s should direct." 1695.

Payments made upon Mr. Guy's letters.

Discounts allowed upon loans on the hereditary and temporary "exiss" commencing March 1694, per direction of the Lords of the Treasury at 2 *per cent.*

Also some other particulars about loans.

Minuted:—"To be p[ai]d out of the tallys on ye Post Office." 4 *pages.*

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[1695.] 55. Memorial of the agents for bringing in taxes for a half-year's salary, due at Christmas 1694, and for incident charges expended in the office from 1 Jan. 1693–4 to 1 Jan. 1694–5. 4 *pages.*

[? About 1695.] 56. Petition of Ann Aldham, widow and executrix of William Aldham, pensioner to His Majesty, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, for 20*l.* due for her husband's pension at Christmas 1694. 1 *page.*

[1695 or later.] 57. Fees and charges payable for the commission for administration of the Government which passed in May 1695.

Fees payable for the Commission for promoting trade which passed in Dec. 1695.

Also the bill of fees due at the several offices for passing the last Commission for the administration of the Government and the Commission for Trade.

Minuted:—"To be ex^{d} & to be p^{d} when there is mo." 2 *pages.*

[About 1695 or later.] 58. A paper, *docquetted*:—"A proposal for advancing the revenue of excise." It relates to duties on beer and ale." 3 *pages.*

[? 1695.] 59. An estimate of the extraordinary charge of the army remaining unpaid and payable in the year 1694 and 1695. 1 *page.*

[? About 1695.] 60. A paper, *docquetted*:—"A list of pensioners," in tabular form under columns, "widdows' names, husbands' commission & regiment, where killed, and the sum due or paid." Without date, but mention of a death at St. Malos. There was fighting there in 1695. 2 *pages.*

[? About 1695.] 61. Petition of Col. Daniel Harvey to the King, praying for the grant of a letter to the Lords Justices of Ireland, for issuing commissions of inquiry into concealed lands forfeited by the late rebellion, and for grant of letters patent to him and his heirs, for so much as he should discover of the concealed estates. Without date. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

1695. 62. Petition of Alexander Forbes, of Edinburgh, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, for payment of 465*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* due to him for clothing for Col. Geo. Hamilton's regiment of Scots foot, &c.

On the dorse is:—"1695." 1 *page.*

[? 1695.] 63. Petition of Richard Frith to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, showing that about six years before, he thought of raising money on burials, marriages, and christenings, and imparted it to the Duke of Shrewsbury, who acquainted the King, and in this sessions it was accepted by the House of Commons; praying their bounty for his charges and pains.

[The Act on burials, &c. passed 6 & 7 Will. III.]

Minuted:—"To be considered if there be any places to be disposed on this fond."

With a certificate in his favour by Tho. Trevor. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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1695. 64. An estimate of a two-horse mill to be built in the Mint in the Tower of London. Signed John Hawkes, millwright. 9 *lines.*

[?1695.] 65. "An abstract of the bills relateing to the hearth-money w^ch^ are unpaid, & an account of what money is received towards discharge of these bills."
The last entry is in August 1695. 2¼ *pages.*

[Close of 1695.] 66. Petition of Henry de Nassau, Seignior de Auverquerc, to the King, praying for payment of 1,000*l.* out of the revenue of the duchy of Cornwall, being one half year of an annuity granted him, 4 May [1695], which was due at Michaelmas last. Without date, but see the *Warrant Book* for 1695.
Minuted:—"Granted."
The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 108, 20 Nov. 1695:—
"The King would have the grants to Lord 'Auverquer' *et al.* to be passed." 1 *page.*

[Perhaps 1695 or 1696.] 67. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury, of Mr. Claud Johnson, merchant of London, who was a creditor to the Earl of Buchan, for 2,000*l.* He held an assignment of the rents and profits of his Lordship's estate as security, which was in danger of being defeated by William Hog, a merchant in Edinburgh, who was another creditor; praying them to stop the grant of the "single and life-rent escheat" sought for, till both parties could be heard. Without date. The Earl of Buchan died 1695. 1¼ *pages.*

[?About 1695 or 1696.] 68. Petition of Benjamin Overton, addressed to the King, showing that he had taken part in the expedition to England, and that he had served on several commissions and was then a Commissioner of Customs; praying that his son Robert might be appointed to the office of chief searcher in the port of London. Without date, but an Act mentioned which was passed in the sixth year.
Minuted:—"A day is appointed for hearing." 1 *page.*

[?1695.] 69. Petition of Sir William Scawen, Knt., and Henry Cornish, Esq., to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had contracted with the late Gen. Tallmash and Col. Godfrey for clothing several regiments in Ireland, and in 1689 and 1690 had supplied clothing to the amount of 28,499*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*; praying discharge from the process issued against them as they had received no more money than they had delivered clothing for.
Undated. The petitioners were seeking for payments of large sums for clothing regiments in 1694. See *Letter Book*, Vol. VIII., p. 238. 1 *page.*

[?1695.] 70. Petition of Thomas Baker, the King's late agent and consul at Algiers, in behalf of Robert Cole, his successor, showing that his extraordinaries and salary were paid out of the custom house, without which he could not have held that untractable people to the strict observance of our treaty with them "amidst the mighty

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incessant offers the French King and his ministers laid before the Dey to break it;" that it was absolutely necessary for Mr. Cole to maintain the King's honour by the same encouragement, more especially since Mr. Lodington at Tripoli (which was an inferior station and of far less consequence to our commerce) received his quarterly payments out of the custom house: praying that those payments might be settled on some unappropriated fund of the customs.

Minuted:—"The salary to be settled on ye customes; my Lords to be informed how ye extraordinarys were p^d. My L^ds would not have a dorm^t warr^t but for y^e salary, but would [direct?] by a particular warr^t to M^r K^t y^t it may not be drawn to [a] precedent," and in another place:—"10^th Feb. 600^li *per ann.*"

Undated; but Tho. Baker received his appointment 10 Aug. 1694, see *Money Book*, Vol. XIII., p. 16, and the warrant for 600*l.* *per ann.* for salary to the said Cole is dated 12 April, 6th of the reign, see *King's Warrant Book*, Vol. XI., p. 259.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 267, 24 March 1696, is:—"M^r Coles sallary to be paid out of the customes," &c. 1 *page.*

[1695.] 71. Petition of the distillers of London to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had been at great charge in erecting still-houses for the consumption of corn, and had trusted their customers with a considerable part of their estates; the customers, since the calling in of the clip't money, had cleared their accounts with them, whereby they had several sums of clipped money in their hands; praying to be allowed to pay it into the Excise Office before the 4th of May in part payment of their ensuing duties of excise. With 18 signatures.

Undated; but 1695, compare Act 7 & 8 Will. 3. c. 1. clause 5. 1 *page.*

[1695.] 72. "Account of the tale and weight of the clipt moneys melted upon the xij gen^ll accounts of remaines," showing the various sources from whence the moneys were derived. The account is undated, but was rendered in pursuance of the Act 7 & 8 Will. III. (1695).

Docquetted:—"Acco^t of the money told and weighed before the R^t Hono^ble the Lords Comm^rs of His Ma^ts Treasury, in the Dutchy Court, in order to be molten and recoyned pursuant to the Act."

A copy with two additional columns under the divisions:—"Seperated mo. melted & weight of y^e seperated money."

Another similar paper. 3 *pages.*

[?1694 or 1695.] 73. A schedule of the amounts derived from various sources of revenue, from 24 June 1692 to 24 June 1693, as compared with the amounts for the same period in the following year.

Undated, but Com^rs for stating the public accounts of the nation are mentioned, who are also mentioned in Vol. XXXI., No. 69. There were also similar Com^rs in 1702. ½ *page.*

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Jan. 1. 1. Letter of Mr Bridgeman to Mr. Lowndes, transmitting a letter from the Navy Board, with an enclosure from the Com^rs for Victualling complaining that they were not able to go forward with the service of the victualling, for want of money. Dated 1 Jan. '95.
Also the two letters. *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

Jan. 1. 2. A list of officers that would be found necessary for the establishment of each country mint. The building a mint, and charge for tools would amount to about 2,000*l.* In Mr. Neales' handwriting, signed "T. N." Dated 1 Jan 1695. 1 *page.*

Jan. 3. 3. Copy of report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, as to an account required by the House on the question, "whether, as the law now stands, there is a sufficient power in Carolina, Maryland, Pensylvania, and other plantations, where there are proprietors, to collect the King's duty there; and whether there be the same security to prevent the inconveniencies that may arise to the proprietors and planters there, from the Act of Parliament in Scotland, for erecting an East India Company in that kingdom, as there is in other plantations?" Dated 3 Jan. 1695.
Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent by them to the Governors of the respective plantations in America, on the same subject.
Accompanying is also an extract of a report upon Mr. Carter's papers, from the Com^rs of the Customs, touching a frigate to cruise between Dover and Beachy Head. 6 *pages and* 3 *quarter pages.*

Jan. 3. 4. Copy of report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Right Hon. the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, in respect of a return called for by the House, of the several species of goods exported and imported during the three years then elapsed; enclosing copies of two reports of officers of the customs, to whom they had referred the matter. Dated 3 Jan. 1695. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 6. 5. Report of the Lords of the Treasury to the King, on the case of Robert Levingston, of New York; advising that it was reasonable to allow him the 8 *per cent.* on 2,172*l.* New York money, advanced by him for the support of the forces against the French, in 1688. Also for other sums, similar interest; advising further, the grant of 100*l.* a year out of the revenues of New York, for services in connexion with the treaties and negociations with the Indians; and they had no objection to his being confirmed in the office of collector of excise and quit rents, town clerk, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the Court of Common Pleas at Albany, with the usual salaries during life, as desired. Dated 6 Jan. 1695. 1½ *pages.*

Jan. 6. 6. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. James Cardonel, for arrears of pay due to him as

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Secretary to the Duke of Schomberg, and for disbursements in Ireland; advising that 593*l.* 5*s.* were due to him for allowance of himself and clerk, and 265*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for disbursements in Ireland. Dated 6 Jan. 1695.

Minuted:—"16 Ap. '97. Rejected." 2 *pages.*

Jan. 8. 7. Letter of the Duke of Shrewsbury to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing a petition of Mrs. Umfrey, with an Order of Council, "the state of her pretensions," the report of the Attorney-General of Ireland, and the letter of the Lord Deputy of Ireland, for the consideration of their Lordships. Dated 8 Jan. 1695–6.

Minuted:—"16 Ap. '97. Rejected; but the K. would give her 60^{li} a year pencon for her life, if she continue a wid^{w}. W[arran]t signed."

[The petition of Ann Umfrey, widow, draws attention to a petition presented three years before, for the arrears due to her late husband's cornet, James Mortimer, and Captain Finch Umfreys, who both served in Col. Wolseley's regiment of horse; the former having been slain at the battle of the Boyne, and the latter having died in the King's service; and states that she suffered from the army having been quartered on her, and prays that a custodiam might be granted her of 100*l. per ann.*]

All the papers are attached, and another petition from her. The letter of Henry Lord Capel, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, sending the report of the Attorney-General, is in favour of granting her a lease, to the value of 100*l.* a year for 21 years. 10¼ *pages.*

Jan. 9. 8. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the "address" of the Lords in Parliament assembled, in which they had requested him to recommend Thos. Carter, serjeant-at-arms, for an increase of his salary, from 50*l.* to 100*l.*: for the King's consideration. Dated Dublin, 9 Jan. 1695. 1 *page.*

[Jan. 10.] 9. Petition of the proposers for the increase of the revenue on tobacco, addressed to the King; praying an allowance for the trouble.

Minuted:—"Read 10 Jan^{ry} '95. Not approved."

Accompanied by the proposal. 4 *pages and a little piece.*

Jan. 10. 10. Presentment by the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the subject of imports and exports for the last three years. (See 3 Jan. 1695–6.). Dated 10 Jan. 1695. 2 *pages.*

Jan. 20. 11. Letter from the Duke of Shrewsbury to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the petition of Brigadier FitzPatrick, and his brother Captain FitzPatrick, for a grant of the forfeitures of Edward Morris, with the Lord Deputy's and Attorney-General of Ireland's report thereupon; for their consideration, and to be laid before the King. Dated 20 Jan. 1695–6.

The lands in question lay at Granstowne, in the Queen's county.

Also the petition, two reports, and two other papers relating to FitzPatrick's affairs. 12 *pages or parts of pages*

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1695–6. Jan. 23. 12. Letter from Mr. Bridgeman to Mr. Lowndes, secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, by order of the Lords of the Admiralty, sending a letter to be laid before the former, from the Navy Board, enclosing another from the Paymaster of the Navy, wherein he acquainted them that the circumstances of the coin were such, that he doubted if he should find current money to pay the King's ships going abroad. Dated 23 Jan. 1695–6. 3 *pages.*

Jan. 24. 13. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the case of Joseph Cagnomi, Francis Magnoni, and Thomas Withered, of London, merchants; who had an information prosecuted against them by Lancelot Whitehall and Francis Roberts, for working ships with less than three-fourths English sailors, &c. Dated 24 Jan. 1595–6.

Minuted:—"Read 9 June '96, a *non pros.* to be entred for ye King's part." 6 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 14. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Duke of Shrewsbury, enclosing the report of the Attorney-General, on the petition of Sir Francis Brewster, wherein he prayed for a grant of the King's right to some forfeited lands in Ireland, referred to in a schedule, annexed to the report; recommending the granting him such an estate as he desired, in consideration of his sufferings and losses, to enable him to rebuild his iron works. Dated Dublin, 29 Jan. 1695–6.

The report, schedule, and petition; also:—

"A briefe of S^r Francis Brewster's losses by y^e late troubles, as it was proved upon y^e oaths of sev^ll gent^n, and y^e steward & serv^ts of the saide S^r Francis."

[His losses amounted to upwards of 30,000*l.* in Kerry.]

The petition is minuted:—"6 June 1696. To be laid before the King." *Again,* "April 1697. Rejected." 3 *pages.*

Jan. 29. 15. Petition of "Sol. de Medina," to the Lords of the Treasury, for order to be given to the meters of London to allow the inspection of their books, in accordance with the grant made to the Duke of Richmond, of duty on coals from Newcastle. Dated 29 Jan. 1695–6.

Minuted:—"To bring the patent and an order to be drawn pursuant to it." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Feb. 1. 16. Balance sheet of George Warburton, Esq., for the Irish Post Office, sworn 1 Feb. 1695-6. It is headed:—"His Majesty on the Inland Irish acco^t for y^e halfe yeare ended Christmas 1688." 5 *pages.*

[? About Feb. 4, 1695–6.] 17. Petition of James Hoare, Comptroller of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, for additional allowance during the great work of recoining the money, then going on. Accompanied by a recommendation from two of the officers of the Mint, that it should be allowed out of the coinage money. Referred 4 Feb. 1695.

Minuted:—"This petition to be considered when the coinage money comes under consideration." [*See* Vol. XXXVI., No. 49.] 2 *pages* (*quarto.*)

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Feb. 4. 18. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Bowles, of London, merchant, owner of the ship "St. George," who had fitted the ship out as a private man-of-war and captured a French privateer, partly laden with Newfoundland fish, and the vessel being brought to Bristol was condemned as prize; but the duty laid on the fish was more than its value. Praying to be allowed to pay English or other moderate duties. Dated Feb. 4, 1695–6.

Minuted:—"To be discharged of y^e duty."

The petition and copies of two other papers relating thereto. 6 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 5. 19. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the state of the debt owing to the regiment of foot, under the command of Col. Holt, in the West Indies. Dated 5 Feb. 1695–6.

Accompanied by the memorial of Archibald Hutcheson, Esq., agent of Col. Codrington, Governor of the Leeward Islands and Col. Henry Holt, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury; and a petition of divers persons connected with the regiment, to the House of Commons; stating that those who had served in that regiment were five years in arrear. 3 *large pages.*

Feb. 5. 20. Report of Lord Ranelagh and Mr. William Blathwayt, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir Matthew Bridges, as to 4,074*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, due to clothiers who supplied his regiment of foot, which clothiers were to be paid out of the off-reckonings, the clothes being contracted for by Sir Geo. St. George and Col. Courthope. There was but 421*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* to provide clothing necessary for the regiment, &c. Dated 5 Feb. 1695–6.

Minuted on the dorse, to the effect that the pay of Sir Geo. St. George should be stopped, &c.

[The memorial not now united.] 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 6.] 21. Report of the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elizabeth Havering, widow, certifying their Lordships that Matthew Suttcliffe was employed to adjust the accounts of the transport ships, and made an ill-use of the credit gained thereby, in trafficking in certain certificates, though he knew they were of no real value; advising that it was a private transaction, and that it should not properly come before their Lordships. Without date; but referred for their report, 6 Feb. 1695.

Minuted:—"My Lords think that disputes of this nature can be decided only at law."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 6. 22. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt, to Mr. Lowndes, as to a claim of 612*l.* 8*s.* 2¼*d.* for liveries for the trumpeters and kettle-drummer, and for colours and kettle-drum banners, for the regiment under the command of Brigadier Lumley; sending a certificate, showing that it had been paid. Dated 6 Feb. 1695–6.

The certificate. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

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1695–6. Feb. 8. 23. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of David Delgass; respecting four bales of silk brought, as he alleged, from Leghorn, but deemed by the custom house officers, to be of the growth of Asia. Dated 8 Feb. 1695–6.

Minuted:—"A warr^t to disch^a y^e seizure, giving satisfaction to y^e officers as proposed."

Also the petition. 2¼ *pages.*

March 15. 1694–5 & 10 Feb. 1695–6. 24. Two reports of Lord Ranelagh, paymaster, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petitions of Isaac Teale, Jonathan Leigh, and other apothecaries, who supplied (1st) the forces and hospitals in Flanders and in England, for the late expedition under Lieutenant-General Talmach, the expedition for Jamaica, and the intended expedition to Cadiz; praying payment of 6,709*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*, due to them for medicines; (2nd), for the armies and hospital in Flanders, for 8,570*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* Dated 15 March 1694–5, and 10 Feb. 1695–6.

The latter were supplied from His Majesty's laboratory in the Savoy, A.D. 1695.

Also two certificates in favour of the letter claim reduced to 8,017*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*

These are accompanied by three petitions and a schedule.

Minuted:—"Ref. to S^r H. Belasyse, & Brigad^r Earle, to examine y^e preceding year's demand, & certifie w^t is reasonable to be allowed." 10 *pages.*

[About Feb. 12.] 25. "Necessaries de termino sancti Hill. anno regni viij^o Gulielmi tertii Regis, anno Dom. 1696."

[Hilary term ended Feb. 12.]

The articles are mostly stationery, and apparently in connexion with the office of Exchequer. 1 *long page.*

Feb. 13. 26. Order in Council, made on reading a letter from the Lord Deputy of Ireland, transmitting hither the reports of the present and late Solicitor-General of that kingdom, on the petition of Sir Jervase Clifton, (to be paid 2,000*l.* with the arrears of 100*l. per ann.* interest, out of the forfeited estate of Mr. Bagnall, pursuant to the agreement between them, upon the petitioners intermarriage with Mr. Bagnall's daughter), to the effect that the letter, reports, and other papers annexed, be sent to the Lords of the Treasury for their consideration and report. Dated 13 Feb. 1695–6.

Minuted:—"Read 30 March '96. To be done upon making y^e proof."

Accompanied by the papers referred to.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 302, 19 May 1696, is:—

"Sir Jervas Clifton & Sir James Caldwell hearing. } Int^r S^r Jervas Clifton & S^r James Caldwell per counsell. S^r Thomas Powys saies that Dudly Bagnall entered into articles to pay 7,000^li to Sir Gervaise as a marriage porcion, but 3,000^li was to be p^d when Dudley Bagnall should be possessed of Nicholas Bagnall's estate. In '88 Dudley Bagnall made a deed to secure 2,000 (other part of y^e porcion) when S^r Gervas should come of age and settle a jointure on his lady. Bagnall is attainted, but

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his estate comes to y^e K. subject to this 2,000l and is ready to prove his deed; besides 400l a year is granted to M^s Bagnall & her children out of this estate by His Ma^ty. The 3 witnesses to y^e deed are, L^d Hunsden, dead, and they can prove his hand, M^r Brent, y^e same, and one Power who is in France, and insists that proving their hands is legall proof. S^r Richard Levinz [Levinge ?], saies the proof should be made in Ireland; it is necessary to prove 'twas executed at y^e time of y^e date for it might [be] after y^e treason committed. S^r Thomas Powys saies if y^e deed were never executed, yet in equity his clyent ought to have y^e 2,000li per the articles; especially since y^e jointure was made. M^r White saies Bagnall was in England in Octob^r 1688. That w^tsoever right M^r Clifton has, yet the estate being found for y^e King and no notice taken of his right, he is putt to a petition of right w^ch wilbe tedious & chargeable; besides tho the proof be legal, they will not admit it so in Ireland.

"S^r James offers that M^rs Bagnall have her 400li a year, that S^r Gervaise may have 100l a year, w^ch is y^e inter[est] of his m^o and there will be something for himself towards y^e mo., he is out for y^e preservation of the countrey. My Lords think this reasonable."

Again, at p. 322, 12 June 1696:—

"Mrs. Caldwell saies her father will give security for paying 400l a year to M^rs Bagnall & a 100li a year to S^r Gervaise Clifton, for the interest of his 2,000li, and she desires the King will grant him a clause of reprisalls." 5 *pages and* 5 *parts of pages.*

[About Feb. 14. 1695-6.] 27. Answer of the Com^rs of the Leeward Islands to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the method to be pursued, so that the subsistence money ordered to be received by them, for the officers and soldiers of Col. Holt's regiment, in the Leeward Islands, should be duly paid, to the Chief Governor-General, Christopher Codrington.

Minuted:—"14 Feb. '95. My Lords will cause the subsistence to be p^d to y^e hands of these Com^rs."

An Order in Council and two memorials of the Colonel.

The Order in Council is *minuted.*—"The King will cloath the men in the West Indies, 15 January '95."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 147, 14 Feb. 1695, is:—

"My Lords will cause the subsistence for Col. Holt's regiment in the Leeward Islands to be p^d to y^e Com^rs for those islands, who have by an instrument obliged themselves to pay the same upon Col. Codrington's bill." 4 *pages or parts of pages.*

Feb. 14. 28. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to a considerable sum of money remaining at Bristol, the ordinary course of remittance by bills of exchange being at a stand, from the badness of the coin. Dated 14 Feb. 1695.

Also the memorial and letter of the collector and his clerk, on which the presentment was made.

Minuted:—"The Com^rs of the Custome to be informed when the convoy of sold^rs wilbe at Glouc^r for bringing up the Excise m^o. That this mony may come up with that and the soll^r of custo[ms] may attend y^e Com^rs of Excise to know y^e time." 2 *pages.*

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Feb. 14. 29. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Duke of Shrewsbury, in reference to the petition of Mr. Charles Dering, Auditor General of Ireland, praying for a lease of several forfeited lands in a list annexed; stating that he had referred it to the Solicitor-General, whose report he returned; agreeing therewith, viz., that a lease or custodiam should be granted to the petitioner of the lands in the list certified by the Com^rs of Forfeitures. Dated 14 Feb. 1695–6.

Accompanied by (1.) the report.

(2.) "A list of such rents as Charles Dering, Esq^r, Auditor General of Ireland, hath put in charge on the rent rolls, since his entering on that employm^t, over & above what was in charge before."

(3.) A list of lands forfeited to His Majesty, together with the acreage and value, &c., viz., of the following persons:—Robert Walsh Edwd. Fitzgerald, Walter Bryan, Nich. White, Nich. Brown, John Cowell, Edw. Reynolds, Mich. Chamberlain, John Forster, and Thady Meagher.

(4.) The petition.

Minuted:—"Granted." 10 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

Feb. 15. 30. Report of Mr. Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Henry Bond [attainted], stating that the estate in Surrey and part of the estate in St. James's field, were mortgaged by Sir Thomas Bond, Bart., deceased, father of the petitioner, to Elizabeth Lady Wiseman for 7,500*l.*, and to Richd. Rothwell, Esq., for 2,500*l.*, and to Sir Willm. Poulteney for 2,400^li; and that there were other incumbrances thereon, setting out what the estate in St. James fields consisted of, and various particulars about the estate called Albemarle ground. Dated 15 Feb. 1695.

Accompanied by other papers entitled:—

"Monies received out of the estate late Sir Henry Bond's at Peckham and S^t James."

"The debt due for interest to the severall mortgagees on the estate late Sir Henry Bond's, and to the Lady Bond, the widow of Sir Thomas Bond, deceased, for her anuity."

An account of arrears.

The petition of Sir Henry Bond, Bart., for reversal of his outlawry, &c., the schedule of his debts secured by mortgage, and

"Rent roll of all the estate late S^r Henry Bond's, Bart."

Minuted:—"Read 3 Feb. '96. The K. will grant these estates in trust to pay the debts; the residue to be in trust for His Ma^ty." 13 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Feb. 17. 31. Letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the King, countersigned by their Lordships, remitting some part of the quit-rents payable out of the lands of Mr. Petty, in the co. of Kerry, and declaring other particulars about the rent; enclosing a report of the clerk of the quit-rents, and an account of the number of acres as well

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as the rents payable to the Crown, out of lands belonging to Sir William Petty, &c. The remission of quit-rents issuing out of Mr. Petty's estate had been equal if not superior to any man's in the kingdom, and if reduced, others might as reasonably petition for a further abatement. Dated Dublin Castle, 17 Feb. 1695–6.

The report and account. 7 *pages.*

[About Feb. 18.] 32. Petition of Sibil Carew, relict of "Captain Lieutenant" John Carew, deceased, stating that her husband was an officer in the King's service 18 years in Holland, before he came to the throne; that he came over with him, and went to Ireland under the command of Lord Cutts, where he being before Limerick (his captain being killed), lead up his men with great bravery, and was wounded and died; praying for relief, with a certificate of Lord Cutts at the foot, of the truth of the petition.

Referred to the Lords of the Treasury, 18 Feb. 1695–6.

Minuted:—"To be provided for amongst other widdows, when the fond intended" (*sic*). 1¼ *pages.*

Feb. 25. 33. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to certain brandy cast on shore near Newhaven, in Sussex appraised at 369*l.*, which by the Act should be sold by inch of candle; and two-thirds of the forfeiture should be to the King, and one-third to the prosecutor. Dated 25 Feb. 1695–6.

Minuted:—"Done." 1 *page.*

Feb. 26. 34. Letter from the Com^rs^ of the Navy to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, referring to one of 3 Jan. in which they desired him to move their Lordships to order 800 trees out of the New Forest for the Navy at Portsmouth; begging him to remind their Lordships thereof. Dated 26 Feb. '95. 1 *page.*

[? About Feb. 29.] 35. Petition of John Bradshaw, the city marshal, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that by warrant of the Lord Mayor, he had searched the house of one William Keene, in Doctors' Commons, upon suspicion for Captn. Courtney and Capt. Wallbanck, two of the conspirators in the King's proclamation; and that he found a printing press with letters composed, and several other pamphlets, entitled "a vindication of the deprived bishops;" praying for the reward of 20*l.* for the discovery according to the proclamation of 13 Sept. 1692.

A certificate under the hand of John Houblon, the Mayor [of London], that the city marshal had brought Keene before him on the above charge. Dated 29 Feb. 1695. 2 *pages.*

Feb. 29. 36. Letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had received the petition of Colonel John Forward to the King, praying a grant of the forfeited estates of Sir John Nugent, of Taghmon, in the county of Westmeath, Col. Richard

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Nugent his brother, and Christopher Nugent of Dardistowne, in the same county, and had referred the same to the Attorney-General, whose report he then returned, and an account from the late Com^rs of Forfeitures, of the yearly rent received out of the estates, and a particular thereof returned to him, by the Surveyor-General, out of the survey remaining in his office; advising that he should receive a *custodiam* of the lands mentioned in his petition. Dated 29 Feb. 1695–6.

The petition and report referred to. The "particular" mentioned is not now with them. 5½ *pages.*

March 2. 37. Report of the Com^rs of Revenue in Ireland, to the Lords Justices General and General Governors of Ireland, on the petition of the Countess of Roscomon, praying for an allowance of an arrear of 150*l.*, and for a grant of the lands of Phellystowne and Dungenny, in the county of Meath, which had been seized into the King's hands by the forfeiture of Richard Dillon of Cloonbrock, who held them on lease, being devised to the petitioner by Wentworth, late Earl of Roscommon. Dated 2 March 1696, *i.e.* 1695–6.

Minuted:—"16 Ap. '96. The King will forgive her ye arrear abt 150*l.*"

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

March 5. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Clarke, mariner, which set forth that the Com^rs of the Navy, having hired a vessel of the petitioner to attend George Everett, shipwright, to find out embezzled stores, belonging to the Navy, the vessel was detained by the collectors of customs at Harwich, viz., as to the true state of the case. Dated 5 March 1695–6.

The petition, an Order in Council, and divers certificates, &c. relating thereto. 16 *pages.*

March 5. 39. Certificate of the agents for Taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the third 4*s.* aid, of which Morgan Whitley was Receiver-General of North Wales and Cheshire. Dated 5 March 1695–6.

Minuted:—"To have his com^on." 1 *page.*

March 6. 40. Memorial of Mr. Tho. Neale and Mr. Tho. Hall, master and worker of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they found the assays of silver made at the Exchequer and those at the Mint often differed, and sometimes as much as two penny weights "and better;" and praying their Lordships' directions. Dated 6 March 1695–6.

Accompanied by a detailed report of the same. 3 *pages.*

March 7. 41. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the prohibition of French commodities, and more particularly concerning certain wines, brandies, &c. imported from St. Sebastians and Bilboa. Dated 7 March 1695–6.

Minuted:—"The K. looks upon it to be French wine, that comes from St. Sebastian, but directs two officers (such as ye C. of Customs

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shall approve) be sent over to S[t] Sebastian to take knowledge of the wine there & its growth."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 275, 14 April 1696, is the following :—

"Com[rs] of the Customes cald in, as to the 25 tons for y[e] Spanish Amb[r] from S[t] Sebastien ; it is to pass by the K[ings] direction, but as to all other come from thence, my Lords tell them the K. thinks there is a great collusion, & they must hold as strict a hand over them as they can."

"M[r] Manly & M[r] Coke are going to S[t] Sebastian, and they will have instructions from ye C. of Customes, to inquire & informe them what wines grow in the Spanish countrey there, & other circumstances, and the Com[rs] propose none others should be sent thither till these gentlemen give the Com[rs] an acco[t] how matters are." 2 *pages.*

March 7. 42. Report of the Com[rs] of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Simon Beranger, as to certain silk called alamodes, imported and unavoidably forfeited, leaving it to their Lordships to say whether they should be delivered. Dated 7 March 1695-6.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 3½ *pages.*

March 3 and 10. 43. Report of the Warden, Master and Worker and Controller of the Mint, on the proposals made by Jonathan Ambrose, melter at the Mint, viz., (1st) for refining at 12*d.* per pound troy, it would be advisable to agree with him ; (2nd) for melting and casting into small bars in sand, one farthing per pound should be allowed in addition to the 3½*d.* hitherto allowed ; and (3rd) for melting and casting the ingotts and scisell into small bars &c., they thought no one would undertake the duties for less than was offered ; namely, halfpenny and half-farthing for every pound troy. Dated 3 March 1695.

A further report added, advising the addition of a half-farthing per pound to the last proposals, as the former offer was declined. Dated 10 March.

Accompanied by the proposals. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

[? About March 10.] 44. Petition of Lieut. Abraham Coakely gent, to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that he went with Mr. Maurish, one of the King's messengers, and apprehended Robert Feilding, Esq., and had him committed to Newgate, and that he expected to be paid the 200*l.* reward, specified in a proclamation for his apprehension.

Accompanied by an affidavit thereon. Dated the 10 March 1695–6. 2 *pages.*

March 10. 45. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Duke of Shrewsbury, enclosing the report of the Solicitor-General, on the petition of Col. Richard Coote, who prayed that in consideration of his losses by the rebellion in Ireland, and his not having had the full benefit of the former grant, made him by King Charles II., he might have a grant of the King's title to a portion of about 3,500*l.*, bequeathed by the late Earl of Clanricarde to the Lady Honor

1695–6. Bourke, one of his daughters, which was forfeited to the King; approving the report, which was in favour of a grant of that portion or a part of it. Dated Dublin Castle, 10 March 1695–6.

Minuted:—"14 Ap. '97. Rejected."

The report and the petition. 4 *pages and* 2 *parts of pages.*

March 10. 46. Certificate of Mr. Wardour and the Tellers of the Exchequer, about the fees paid by the Masters in Chancery upon their salary, to the Clerk of the Pells and the four Tellers. Dated 10 March 1695. 1 *page.*

March 10. 47. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Stephen Dampierre, late of the regiment commanded by Col. Belcastle, praying payment of what was due to him for his service in that regiment; leaving it to their Lordships to expedite the payment to him, of 199*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*, in consequence of the expense of his sickness and his hardships whilst prisoner in France. Dated 10 March 1695.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

March 11. 48. Report of Thomas Neale [Master of the Mint] proposing additional salaries during the coinage of the clipped moneys, to the following persons:—

	£
James Hoar, Esq., Controller	300 per annum.
Daniel Bratle, Assay Master	200 „
Mr. Evans, Surveyor of the Meltings and Clerk of the Irons	100 „
Thomas Fitch, weigher and teller	100 „
Divers other clerks	180 „

Leaving to their Lordships the case of the Rotiers, engravers who had 450*l.* yearly pension besides 325*l.* per annum as pay. Dated 11 March 1695. 2 *pages.*

March 12. 49. Letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, stating, that he had received a letter from the King, countersigned by their Lordships, in favour of Major Walter Delamer, directing a sufficient discharge to be made to him of 80*l.* *per ann.* of the rents reserved on him out of the forfeited lands held by him from the King; and also to cause a *custodiam* to be passed to him of forfeited lands, not to exceed 80*l.* *per ann.* for seven years, which [latter] he had ordered; but as to the remittal of the 80*l.* a year reserved upon the first grant, he had hitherto forborne to execute it. If the King directed a discharge to be passed under the great seal, he would give the necessary orders. He also sent a petition of Major Delamer, referred to him by the King, praying a lease of the lands then held by him, or any other, to the same value, for 31 years, and that a debt of 719*l.* due from His Majesty, might be accepted as a fine; also a report of the Attorney-General made thereon, which admitted the debt, and his Excellency advised the grant of a lease for 21 years, of the lands held by him. Dated 12 March 1695–6.

Accompanied by the report and petition. 5¼ *pages.*

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March 12. 50. Report of the Com^rs of Customs, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Robert Farish, late collector of the port of Carlisle, who had undergone great hardships and losses; as well for the cure of his wounds as other expenses, and was then dismissed from his employment. Dated 12 March 1695.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition, a certificate, a balance sheet, and a detailed statement of the sums claimed. 4 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

March 12. 51. A letter signed P. Foley to William Lowndes, Esq., begging him to remind the King about the Mint to be set up at Hereford. Dated 12 March 1695-6.

Docquetted:—"M^r Speaker's letter about the Mint at Hereford." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About March 13.] 52. Allowances to be made to different officers of the Mint, "on every pound w^t troy coyned," and "additional allowances to be paid per the ma^r out of his poundage, the same allowances to commence from the 29^th of January 1695 (the time of the first delivery), and to continue by quarterly payments, till the clipt moneys shal be recoyned." Without date, but *minuted*:—"Read 13 March 1695. Agreed to per my Lords."

On the same subject in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI. p. 307.; 25 May 1696 is:—"M^r Neal, M^r Newton, and M^r Hall, together with the provost and sev^ll membrs of ye monyers upon their complaint y^t their allowance for making ye money is not sufficient. My Lords do not see any reason for an increase." 1 *page.*

March 14. 53. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the money (16,000 or 17,000*l.*) remaining in the collector's hands at Bristol, which they had desired should be sent up with the convoy, which brought the Excise money; but from want of time it could not be sent. Also from other places they had information of cash remaining for want of opportunity of remittance, and particularly at Lancaster, 16 or 17 hundred pounds. Dated 14 March 1695–6. 1½ *pages.*

March 14. 54. Copy of a letter apparently of the Navy Board, but not signed nor addressed, respecting the petition of Alice Cæsar, about her title to some part of the land belonging to His Majesty's yard at Chatham. The writers say they find no writings of the King's title to the land, or anything relating thereto, and had written to Sir Edwd. Gregory to make the best enquiry he could touching the same. Dated 14 March 1695-6.

Also the copy of Sir Edward Gregory's letter, finishing:—"In a word all things relating to this affaire seems to be very darke & obscure," &c. 2 *pages.*

March 16. 55. Copy of instructions given to the Com^rs of the Revenue, in relation to the management of the forfeitures [in Ireland]. Dated 16 March 1695-6.

They are comprised under 13 heads. 3 *pages.*

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March 19. 56. Copy of royal warrant to the Attorney-General, for a bill to be prepared for the royal signature, granting the dignity of baronet to Richard Blackham, of the city of London, Esq. Dated 19 March 1695–6. ½ *page.*

? March 19. 57. Letter of Mr. Done to William Lownds, Esq., respecting Lord Griffin's accounts, some portion of which could not be completed for want of vouchers.

Accompanied by a state of the account of Edward Griffin, Esq., (now Lord Griffin) Treasurer of His Majesty chamber, for one year ended at Michaelmas 1684. Dated 19 March 1695–6.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 346, 17 July 1696, is the following:—"To stay the processe for the acco^{ts} of the Lord Griffin, late Treasurer of ye chamber, till next terme; but to direct M^{r} Baker to informe himselfe of ye state of that matter, and to prosecute wth effect ye next term, if ye acc^{ts} be not finished in ye mean time." 2 *pages.*

March 19. 58. Report of M^{r} Aaron Smith to the Lords of the Treasury, upon a letter annexed, of Wm. Dandy, who was a prisoner in the King's Bench; stating that the original cause of his imprisonment was, from some difference between his father, himself, and younger brother; about lands, &c. let or disposed of by his father: concerning which an assault was committed by him, for which he was fined 100*l.* and committed to prison until he paid it; and before he should be discharged from prison to give security for good behaviour to his father and brother, during the lives of each of them; which judgment was without precedent. Further reporting that he went into Cornwall on a Crown prosecution, and was there arrested; but afterwards was removed to the King's Bench, where he remained on the common side, in a miserable, wanting condition, making pegs for shoemakers, and living thereby, and on the common basket; and in addition, he at times wanted the use of his reason: recommending as an act of the highest charity that he should be discharged. Dated 19 March 1695.

Two letters of the above William Dandy and his petition. 6 *pages.*

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March 21. 1. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the King, on the petition of Bridget Ellingworth, widow of Charles Ellingworth, chaplain and physician to Col. Monroe's regiment, during the siege of Londonderry, who died there; praying payment of 140*l.* due for her husband's pay, or that the King would some other way consider her poor condition; having been deprived of all her substance by

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the enemy, and left with an aged mother and eight small children; suggesting that 106*l.* would be due to her if she were considered in both capacities.

Minuted:—"W^ts done for 106^li."

The petition and two other papers. 4 *pages*.

March 23. 2. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the sisters and porter of the Hospital of the Savoy, for payment of 172*l.* 10*s*, for five years and three-quarters allowance of 30*l.* *per ann.*, in consideration of their quitting their dwellings there for the convenience of the company of the foot guards, &c.; finding that there was no warrant for the payment signed by His present Majesty, but leaving it to their Lordships. Dated 23 March 1695-6.

Minuted:—"A warr^t on the ptent dorm^t."

Also the petition and copy of the warrant for the grant of the 30*l.* *per ann.* 3 *pages*.

March 23. 3. The opinion of Sir Thos. Trevor, Attorney-General, upon the case of the officers of the Navy at Portsmouth, as to the payment of the four shillings in the pound on their salaries. Dated 23 March 1695.

Also a letter from the Mayor of Portsmouth and another from Mr. Loundes, on the same subject. 3 *pages*.

March 24. 4. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a copy of the instructions forwarded to the Com^rs of the Revenue, in relation to their management of the forfeited estates there; stating that he had ordered lists of arrears of rent and other sums due to the Crown to be prepared. The arrear for the county of Dublin was certified to be 10,962*l.* 16*s.* 11½*d.*, and that of Kildare 8,012*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*; and if a third part of the arrears proved solvent, it would amount to a large sum. The late Com^rs of Forfeitures would not be prevailed with to call their collectors to account, or to issue process against persons in arrear, though the Lord Lieutenant had often positively commanded them to do it; the Commissioners were first to get in the arrears. There was another considerable debt due to the King. The Earl of Longford and others, on the victory of the Boyne, were empowered to seize goods, &c. to the value of 30,000*l.*, and little or no part had come to the King's receipt, and he feared it was too late to recover it. The forts and fortifications were generally out of repair, the guns unmounted, the palisadoes wanting, and some of the breaches not sufficiently made up since the war. Other works, especially for Galway, had been begun, but not finished. He had (upon intimation that the French had some designs on the kingdom) issued warrants for supplying Galway, Kinsale, and the Fort of Duncannon (being the places most likely to be insulted on) with a month's provisions; other garrisons must be put in a condition to prevent a surprise. He proposed that 6,000*l.* should be allowed of the forfeited arrears for carrying on the service. &c. Dated Dublin Castle, 24 March 1695-6.

Minuted:—"For Kensington. 14 Ap. '97. My Lords to read this."

The copy of instructions is not now with it. 7 *pages*.

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March 24. 5. Report of Samuel Travers, Esq., Surveyor-General, and Sir Christopher Wren, Knight, Surveyor-General of Works, on the petition of the Duke of Ormond, respecting certain lodgings adjoining to the first gate-house, leading towards King Street, Westminster, built at the charge of the petitioner's grandfather, at a cost (with alterations) of 1,800*l.* ; recommending that that sum might be reasonably allowed, on a clause of reassumption, to be inserted in any grant of the premises to this nobleman, &c. Dated 24 March 1695–6.

Letter signed Ste. Fox, addressed to the Surveyor-General, approving of the above report; also a plan of the premises and the petition referred to. 3 *pages and the plan.*

March 25. 6. Report of Lord Ranelagh on the petition of . . . . . Cooper relict and widow of Col. Arnolt [Cooper], who was Governor of Yarmouth Castle [in the Isle of Wight] during the civil wars; recommending her to the royal bounty. Dated 25 March 1696.

Also a duplicate and a certificate relating thereto.

One is minuted:—"Read 3 Apr. '96. It cannot be granted;" *the other,* "20 Apr. 1698. Read, the K. orders nothing." *The remains of* 3 *pages greatly decayed.*

March 25. 7. Memorial of "Sal. de Medina," to the King, praying that advances should be put into his hands without delay to pay the bills drawn on him by his friends "Machado and Pereyra." Also stating that his friends prayed the King to direct Mr. Hill to stop out of the respective regiments the amount they were indebted for bread in the last year. Dated 25 March 1696.

Accompanied by a list of the amounts due for bread.

There is the following minute respecting Mr. Medina, in the *Minute Book,* Vol. VI., p. 346, 17 July 1696:—

"Mr. Medina will furnish m^{o} to the E. of Ranelagh, for paym^{t} of some of Mr. Hill's bills, for w^{ch} he is to have tallys deposited per the E. of Ranelagh, & my Lords will take care that he be rep^{d} in about six weeks." 3 *pages.*

March 26. 8. Certificate of Lord Cutts, as to Captain Moore being well affected to the Government, stating that he was at considerable charge in the Revolution in raising men, whilst captain of a regiment of foot, under the command of the Lord Cutts. Dated 26 March 1696. (Very brief.) 8 *lines.*

March 27. 9. Report of Mr. Charles Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lieutenant Col. William Tatton, late of Brigadier Stuart's regiment of foot, and then in that commanded by the Marquis de Puisars, praying payment of what was due to the 1st of Jan. 1691; in favour of his claim for 440*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*, in consideration of his losses in the expedition to the Straits, and to fit him for the ensuing campaign. Dated 27 March 1696. 2 *pages.*

March 27. 10. Report of the Com^{rs} of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the salt-makers of Droitwich, who maintained that the stock of salt which they had in hand on 25 March 1694 (16,436 bushels), and which was made before that date, was not chargeable with the duty of 1½*d.* a gallon; advising that the bonds

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for the payment should be given up, and the money, amounting to 754*l.* 3*s.* 7½*d.*, ought not to be demanded. Dated 27 March 1696.

The petition and a detailed account of the salt made, and the bonds sealed, for the salt made before 25 March 1694.

Minuted:—"A warrt according to ye report." 5 *pages.*

March 28. 11. Letter from the Comrs of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, desiring an order for the immediate felling of oak timber, demanded for Portsmouth out of the New Forest. Dated 28 March '96.

Minuted:—"1 May '96. The King saies 'tis too late."

There is the following in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 197, 17 June 1697:—

"A sign manual to be prepared for 1,000 trees in the New Forest, for the works of ye Navy at Portsmouth." 1 *page.*

March 29. 12. A list of the marks and numbers of the bales of lace taken out of the "St. Peter" prize, on 29 March 1696, by the command of Capt. Crass and Capt. Caldwell. 1 *page.*

March 30. 13. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ellinor Wren, widow of Capt. Ralph Wren, deceased, who died in the King's service in the West Indies, but who was previously commander of the ship, the "Coronation," which brought sugars from Barbadoes by order of Col. Kendall, then Governor of the island; the freight of which the Capt. received, but only paid part to the Treasurer of the Navy; the remainder being stopped out of his and his servant's wages, and ought to be so, as the Commissioners conceived, for his breach of trust. Dated 30 March '96.

Also two petitions of Ellinor Wrenn, who was imprisoned for his debts, and her children turned out of doors.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 326, 19 June 1696, is:—

"Mrs. Ellinor Wrenn, to have 40li out of the 1,000l for widdows." 3 *pages.*

March 30. 14. Letter of the Duke of Shrewsbury to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the accounts between Sir George St. George and Sir Matthew Bridges; sending the petition of Sir George, and a letter from the Lord Deputy of Ireland thereon, for the King's directions. Dated 30 March 1696.

The petition and letter. 3¼ *pages.*

[About March 30.] 15. "An abstract of what the Lords of the Treasury layd before His Matie, relateinge to Mr Butts his petition."

Mr. Butts was commissary to the Danish forces, and on the capitulation of Limerick the Earl of Athlone appointed him to attend the Irish troops into France, and to receive the money due from them for provisions, which money he received and for the greater security thereof took bills of Sarsfield's friends, who had embarked goods in the transport ships, freight free, which goods were chargeable for the same; but the goods were then seized and rifled, to the value of above 30,000 livres, by His Majesty's ships of war, and

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the parties on whom the bills were drawn refused to pay. Lord Coningsby and Mr. Clarke, to whom the matter was referred, state that some of the transport ships were seized on account of a French ship having been taken, contrary to the articles of Limerick. They otherwise confirm the petitioner's statement and do not object to his claims for compensation. Read 30 March '96. 1 *page.*

April 3. 16. Report of the Com^rs^ of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Butler, for 50*l.*, for his extraordinary care in saving the stores of the "Success," frigate, cast away on the coast of Cuba, &c.; advising that this debt formed part of the debt of 40,000*l.* which accrued before 1686, and that the whole debt should be satisfied in course. Dated 3 April '96.

Accompanied by the case of the petitioner, the petition and copies of two other documents relating thereto. 5 *pages.*

April 7. 17. Two papers, the first *docquetted:*—"Money for land-service including 250,000*l.* on Mr. Blathwaite's paper."

And the second:—"Money for land-service, including 439,154*l.* 8*s.*, remaining unpaid upon Mr. Blathwayt's papers," being of the nature of estimates. Dated 7 April 1696. 2 *pages.*

April 9. 18. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the question whether 436*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* due to Doctor Patrick Dunn, for his pay as physician to the hospital during the war in Ireland, could not then be paid out of the fund for the hospital there. Dated 9 April 1696.

A certificate thereon.

Also the petition, which prayed for a lease or custodiam of the lands of Dirpatrick or any other forfeited lands and

A list of lands in lease to Major Delamare. 4 *pages.*

April 10. 19. Report of the Com^rs^ of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Clarke, mariner, master of a small sloop of 15 tons burthen, employed for the seizure of stores, which vessel was seized by the collector of customs at Harwich. They acquaint their Lordships that if the vessel were lost it was the petitioner's own fault, as he might have had her again, and might have been satisfied for the time she was in the King's service. Dated 10 April '96. 3 *pages.*

April 13. 20. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Jane Wagstaff, widow of John Wagstaff, praying payment of 91*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.*, due to her husband for his arrears as lieutenant in Sir John Jacob's regiment, allowing that that sum was due. Dated 13 April 1696.

Minuted:—"28 June '99. There is no provision made for these arrears." 2 *pages.*

[About April 13.] 21. Petitions of Mary Dodsworth, widow, to the King, seeking an allowance for the loss of her husband Robert Dodsworth, Esq., who made a discovery of a treasonable design carried on in

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Lancashire against the King's person and government, and so frustrated it, but was afterwards assassinated, leaving six children.
Referred to the Lords of the Treasury 13 April 1696. 1 *page.*

April 14. 22. Letter from Mr. William Trumbull to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing a paper signed Ralph Blackhall, in which he states that there was lost to the revenue 14,000*l.* by the transmission of gazettes and other papers and news-letters post free, besides 10,000*l.* for letters, &c. conveyed by the carriers; offering five suggestions for the prevention thereof. Dated 14 April 1696. 2 *pages.*

April 15. 23. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of the Duke of Schomberg and Leinster, setting forth the great difficulties he had met with in stating the accounts of his regiment, to the 1st of Jan. 1691–2, by reason the balance of their accounts to that time was not found sufficient to answer the demands of the several troops, occasioned by the great number of cheques upon them, and the misapplication of part of the money received by some of the commanding officers in Ireland; praying that the respites might be taken off those which were most unreasonable.
The report finds that the cheques upon the regiment amounted to more than 2,000*l.*, of which those in an annexed abstract seemed most reasonable to be removed. Dated 15 April 1696.
Also the petition and an abstract of the cheques. 3½ *pages.*

[About April 16.] 24. The docquet only of the case of Alexander Stewart, Deputy Lieutenant of the Ordnance in Ireland, to the effect that he delivered up his employment in that office, worth 350*l. per ann.*, to King James, in order to escape, in the year 1688; that in attempting to escape from Dublin he was taken and committed to prison for 12 months, until the battle of the Boyne; that he lost 1,100*l.* by the shutting of the gates of Derry: praying for a grant of the forfeited lands in a list annexed, amounting to about 260*l. per ann.* The Lord Deputy referred his petition to the Attorney General, who reported that it was true. The Com^rs of Revenue reported the lands to be worth 200*l. per ann.*, whereupon the Lord Deputy advised that the King might gratify the petitioner.
Minuted:—"Read, 16 Ap. '96. Granted." *Part of a page.*

April 17. 25. Report signed J. Taylour to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Benjamin Overton, Esq., who prayed that his patent as a Com^r of Customs might be paid for out of secret service or otherwise, as their Lordships thought fit; as it would cost above 200*l.*; advising that such commissions had [sometimes] been passed at the public charge and allowed by way of incidents. Dated 17 April '96.
Minuted:—"To be pd per incid^ts."
The above is written on the petition. 1 *page.*

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April 20. 26. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Robert Billing in behalf of his brother Lieut.-Col. Richard Billing, setting forth that the Colonel served as major of brigade during the war in Ireland; admitting that 350*l.* 10*s.* was due to him for arrears of pay. Dated 20 April 1696.

Copy of the memorial and two certificates. 4 *pages and* 2 *halves* (*quarto*).

April 20. 27. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mark Bingham, gent., to His Majesty, praying a grant of the forfeitures mentioned in a schedule annexed; analyzing his claims to those forfeitures, &c. Dated 20 April 1696.

Minuted :—"Respited."

The petition and five other papers connected therewith. 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

[About April 21.] 28. Letter of Samuel Brewster to the Right Hon. Charles Montague, Chancellor of the Court of Exchequer; seeking a letter from his Lordship for the payment of arrears to the usher and messengers of the Court of Exchequer.

Also two certificates relating thereto. Dated 21 April 1696. *Quarters of* 3 *pages.*

[About April 21.] 29. Letter of the Lady R[ebecca] Falkland, without address, commencing, "My Lord;" stating her surprise that process was issuing against her from the Exchequer in respect of the accounts of Lord Falkland when he was Treasurer of the Navy, and reminding his Lordship that the accounts were before the Com^rs^ of the Navy, and that she was anxious to have them passed. Without date, but Lord Falkland died in 1694.

On 21 April 1696, by the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI. p. 279, it appears Mr. Maddocks had to go to the Navy Board with the vouchers to these accounts, and they were to represent wherein they found them defective. 1 *page.*

April 21. 30. Letter signed W. Beeston, dated at Jamaica, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the account of the money received and paid on the credit given by Sir Joseph Herne and Sir Stephen Evance for the subsistence of Col. Lillington's regiment in that island, &c. Dated 21 April 1696. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

April 22. 31. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the reports of the Solicitor-General and the Com^rs^ for the Revenue for Ireland, on the petition of Edward May, Esq., praying for a grant of part of the forfeited estate of the Lord Galmoy, at a "crown" rent of 40*l.* *per ann.*; recommending the grant to be made, as it was of little value beyond the incumbrances. Dated 22 April 1696.

Minuted :—"14 Apr. '97. Rejected."

Also the reports, the petition, and a schedule of the lands. 8 *pages.*

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April 23. 32. Copy of a letter from the Duke of Shrewsbury to the Lords of the Treasury, transmitting the petition of Mrs. Willoughby, to whom, on the stopping her pension in Ireland, the late Queen had allowed 50*l.* a quarter, which she prayed might be continued: referring the matter to their Lordships' consideration. Dated 23 April 1696. 1 *page.*

April 23. 33. Letter from the Com^rs^ of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that the East Country and other merchants refused to undertake the supply of hemp, tar, and other stores, the tallies lately appointed being such as could not be discounted. Dated 23 April 1696.

There are two or three minutes in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., in relation to this subject, but the following, at p. 304, 22 May 1696, is the most definite:—

"Com^rs^ of Navy & Eastland, merchants, cal'd in. The merch^ts^ say they cannot furnish the hemp without 2/5ths advance, and 1/5^th^ when the goods arrive. My Lords offer 1/3 advance & 2/3d in course. Then the merch^ts^ are willing to take 1/3 downe & 1/5 upon the arrival, & the rest in course. My Lords will do what they can as to the 1/5^th^ upon the arrival; but as to the price and quantity they are to contract with ye Navy Board. A letter of this to ye Com^rs^ of ye Navy." 1 *page.*

April 23. 34. Letter from the Com^rs^ of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting them that they had passed an order to pay Admiral Russell 2,219*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.* on behalf of the sick and wounded seamen, &c. Dated 23 April 1696. 1 *page.*

April 23. 35. Order in Council on the report of the Com^rs^ of Customs, concerning a complaint against Mr. Clinton, collector of customs at Biddeford, for clearing the ship "Barnstable Merchant," contrary to the embargo; giving directions to the Com^rs^ to suspend or otherwise punish him. Dated 23 April 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 9 June '96. The Com^rs^ of the Customes to inquire againe into this case, & to represent the same in writing to my Lords."

Also the report, another Order in Council, a letter, an extract, and an answer to the information against Mr. Clinton. 8 *pages or parts of pages.*

April 24. 36. A certificate signed Ro. Howard as to the arrear due to William, Earl of Portland, upon his salary as superintendent of the gardens. Dated Exchequer, 24 April 1696.

Minuted:—"To be paid per tally on excise." ½ *page.*

April 25. 37. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Richard Owen, merchant, praying to have the remainder of some bonds bestowed on him, on account of his long service, sufferings, and losses. Dated 25 April 1696.

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Minuted:—"The debt to be discharged."
Also the petition and other papers in support of his claim. 7 *pages.*

April 25. 38. Report of the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Arthur Shallett, for the interest of the freight that was due to the six ships named in the petition, which had been engaged for the descent. Dated 25 Apr. 1696.
Minuted:—"To be p^d per tally on y^e continued imp^ons."
The petition & two other documents. 5 *pages.*

April 25. 39. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Treasurer of the Navy, enclosing an estimate of the charge of building two advice-boats, confirmed by the Com^rs of the Admiralty, desiring him to solicit the Lords of the Treasury for the money. Dated 25 April 1696.
Also the estimate. 2 *pages.*

April 25. 40. Letter from the Com^rs of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, referring to their letter of 23 April, and sending a copy of a letter from Mr. Jos. Martin, one of the most influential dealers in foreign commodities wanted by the Navy, viz., as to his treatment upon his previous contract. Dated 25 April '96.
The copy referred to. 2½ *pages.*

April 27. 41. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Lord Treasurer of the Navy; praying him to provide money for the workmen at Chatham and Sheerness, who were growing impatient for their wages. Dated 27 April '96. 1 *page.*

April 27. 42. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, referring to the backwardness of the merchants in treating about the supply of the Navy, and stating that there seemed no other way of supplying the Navy than by employing some person to import goods on commission; enclosing a copy of the order they had received from the Com^rs of the Admiralty to supply the same. Dated 27 April '96. 2 *pages.*

April 27. 43. Memorial from Tho. Neale and Tho. Hall, officers of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had delivered the letter from Mr. Lowndes to Lord Lucas and to the Office of Ordnance to surrender the Martin Tower to the porter of the Mint, who formerly lived in it; but they were unwilling to displace their labourer. The memorialists were unwilling to have any dispute about the same. There was in the midst of the Mint a house inhabited by one Mr. Bennet, who belonged to the Ordnance, and they desired their Lordships' directions for his removal, that the porter might dwell in it. Dated 27 April 1696.
Minuted:—"Lay this before ye K. relating to the porter of the Mint's house." 1 *large page.*

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April 28. 44. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for a renewal of a warrant to free the persons employed under their control, having less than 100*l.* a year, from the tax of 4*s.* in the pound. Dated 28 April 1696.
Minuted:—"A warr^t." 1 *page.*

April 28. 45. Memorial of the Com^rs of the Admiralty to the King, as to the difficulty the Navy Board was under of obtaining contracts for hemp, tar, pitch, and other naval commodities. Amongst other matters it is stated that the factors in Sweden were like to be forced out of the country. Dated 28 April 1696. 2 *pages.*

April 28. 46. Memorial of Thomas Neale and Thomas Hall of the office of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they found by the Act that the plate was ordered to be melted down and cast into ingots, but there was no direction how it was to be paid for, &c. Informing their Lordships that the money arising by that Act was not sufficient to answer what was to be paid out of it before, much less to do this, and pay for the "presses" that the people brought in, by direction of the Act. Praying that they would give order thereon. Dated 28 April 1696. 1 *page.*

April 29. 47. Certificate signed Charles Trelawny, to the effect that Major-General Kirk recommended Col. John Forward to him, to be introduced to the King as a gentleman who was early active in the King's service, and a great sufferer thereby, and a fit object for his favour. Dated 29 April 1696. ½ *page* (*quarto*).

April 30. 48. Letter of Mr. Burchett by command of the Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Loundes, Secretary of the Treasury, sending a letter from the Navy Board, with the copies of others from two East Country merchants, touching their inability to serve the King with naval stores, from the badness of the funds assigned them. Dated 30 April 1696. 2½ *pages.*

May 1. 49. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, in answer to his letter, touching the application of the Right Hon. the Lord Berkeley, for payment of the persons who were employed in clothing his Lordship's marine regiment; enclosing a copy of a reply made by them to the Com^rs of the Admiralty on the same subject. Dated 1 May 1696.
Minuted:—"Doe for this as was done for ye other reg^t."
Four other papers relating thereto. 6 *pages.*

[? About May 1.] 50. Petition of Charles Chapon to the King, showing that there was due to his uncle the late Mons. Lassaigne, deceased, as Governor of Drogheda to the 1st of January 1691–2, 275*l.*, as appeared by Lord Coningsby's report annexed. His uncle's allowance had been omitted in the new establishment for the charge of the kingdom of Ireland, but he had acted in the government until July 1694, about which time he died; and there was further due to him for that service 911*l.*, making together 1,186*l.*, of which only

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10 guineas had been paid on account. He had borrowed of the petitioner and other relatives, who were poor people, to support himself in his post. The petitioner prays for the payment of these arrears. Referred to the Lords of the Treasury 1 May 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 28 7br. 1698. My Lords think if there were any such money due as is pretended, ye petr ought to apply in Ireld. 1st Nov. '99.

"Ref. to Lds Justices of Ireld., to doe wt their Lops shall think fit therein."

Accompanied by the copy of the report referred to. 2 *pages.*

May 2. 51. Certificate of the prosecution of a suit in the Exchequer, by J. Bernard, who, at the instance of Mr. Pottinger, agent to the Comrs of Prizes in Ireland, laid informations against several captains of the Navy for recovery of embezzlements of wine and other goods, taken from the French King's subjects as prize; and particularly against Capt. George Bing, Sir Cloudesley Shovell, and Capt. Rich. Fitz-Patrick; but by an order of *cessat processus* he was prevented recovering 7,279*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*, the value of the goods embezzled. Dated 2 May 1696.

(Most likely an enclosure.) 1 *page.*

May 2. 52. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the reports of the Solicitor-General and the Comrs of the Revenues and Forfeitures, on the petition of Arthur Podmore and Joshua Dawson, praying the King's further favour in granting them the forfeited lands, the particulars of which appear in a schedule annexed; in favour of gratifying the petitioners. Dated 2 May 1696.

The petition, the schedule, and the two reports referred to. 10 *pages or parts of pages.*

May 2. 53. The oath taken by Mr. Isaac Newton, not to "reveal or discover to any person or persons whatsoever, the new invention of rounding the money and making the edges of them with letters or grainings." Sworn before three of the Lords of the Treasury. 2 May 1696. Signed Isaac Newton. *Docquetted:*—"Dr Newton's oath as warden of ye Mint." ¼ *page.*

May 5. 54. Memorial of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords of the Treasury against Capt. Christopher Billop obtaining the discharge of his recognizances which the King had granted for the benefit of the chest at Chatham, the captain being charged with forgery. Dated 5 May 1696. 1 *page.*

May 6. 55. Letter of the Lord Lieut. of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the report of the Solicitor-General, on the petition of Sir John Dillon to the King, praying a custodiam of some forfeited lands in Ireland; also a certificate of the Comrs of Forfeitures as to the quantity and yearly value of the lands; in favour of a custodiam being granted for three years. Dated 6 May 1696.

The report of the Solicitor-General, a report of the Comrs of Revenue, and "A particular of the estate of Peter Martin and Walter

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Tuit, in the county of Galway, with the number of acres and quit-rent payable thereon," and the petition referred to.

Minuted :—"14 Ap. '97. Rejected." 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

May 6. 56. The answer of the Com^rs of the Navy to the commands of the Lords of the Treasury, touching the clothing of the first marine regiment. Referring also to their letter of 1 May. Dated 6 May 1696. 1½ *pages.*

May 6. 57. Memorial of Mr. Isaac Newton and two other officers of the Mint to the Lords of the Treasury, quoting a former memorial touching the plate to be brought into the Mint to be coined, and representing the want of money for that service, and for paying the carpenter and other workmen's bills, amounting to 8,678*l.*, and for salaries of officers and clerks, amounting to 800*l.*, &c. Dated 6 May 1696. 2 *pages.*

May 7. 58. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Bowles, who had fitted out a privateer with letters of mark to the bank of Newfoundland against the French, where a capture was effected, on which a demand for foreign duty was made by the officers of customs of the port of London. Dated 7 May 1696.

The report also mentions the exchange of prisoners by the master of the said ship.

Minuted :—"Read 9th June 1696. To be admitted to entry as if taken and imported in an English ship."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 5 *pages.*

May 8. 59. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that they had hoped that the East Country merchants would have undertaken the importation of the foreign commodities wanting for the King's service, in the usual manner and on moderate terms; Sir Wm. Gore, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Gould only appeared, and Sir Wm. insisted on 36 pounds a ton for hemp and the other two on 35*l.*, at which latter price they bought 450 tons, which was all they could get. Dated 8 May 1696. 1 *page.*

May 8. 60. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that there were several hired men-of-war and tenders discharged from the fleet then to be paid, some ships going abroad on foreign service wanting their wages and the recalls were at a stand, the paymaster having no current money to carry on those services; praying him to represent the same to the Lords of the Treasury. Dated 8 May 1696. 1 *page.*

May 9. 61. Letter from the Com^rs of Prizes to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., in answer to a letter directing them to send an account of the names and places of such officers under them as had not signed the "Voluntary Association;" stating that they had sent to the five principal outports, wherein there were sub-commissioners, to send up from each port "an association," signed by themselves and the several officers in their districts; and they herewith send the three they

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had received from Dover, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; at Bristol and Hull they had signed it. Their agents in the remote ports had probably signed the associations which had been sent up from the respective towns. Dated 9 May 1696.

The papers alluded to not now with it. 1 *page.*

May 11. 62. A memorial signed "Tho. Neale," addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, advising as to the steps to be taken for settling mints at York and Exeter, and further showing what officers would be required. Dated 11 May 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 299, 16 May 1696, is the following:—"To Mr. Neal to expedite into y^e^ country the officers for the two mints at York & Exeter." 1½ *pages.*

[May 12.] 63. A memorandum of directions given to the officers of the Mint by the Lords of the Treasury as to the appointment of a person to take account of the time of the men employed in coining the clipped moneys, in order that there might be no delay.

With a minute on the back for a letter to be written that the melter could supply 65,000*l.* a week, and that their Lordships expected that amount to be worked up at least per week, and Mr. Neal was to request the moneyers to prepare more markers' tools.

Undated; but the letter, dated 12 May 1696, setting forth these particulars, is entered in the *Letter Book*, Vol. IX., p. 98. *Parts of two pages.*

May 12. 64. Copy of the Duke of Shrewsbury's letter to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that a petition from the pier wardens of Margate had been presented to the King, which he desired to be sent to their Lordships, with a recommendation to pay the 100*l.* formerly granted for the repair of the pier. Dated 12 May 1696.

Minuted:—"11 Oct. '99. To be laid before y^e^ King. See whether this money has not been pd., and if it be now applyed for." *Part of a page (quarto).*

[?About May 12.] 65. Petition of John Ashworth, of Liverpool, gent., to be made the fourth landwaiter in that port.

Minuted:—"12 May '96. To be considered when there is a vacancy, or when y^e^ Com^rs^ of y^e^ Customes shall think it for His Ma^ts^ service to have another l^d^ w^tr^ in y^t^ port."

Accompanied by a certificate in his favour. *Parts of* 2 *pages.*

May 13. 66. Report of Mr. Chas. Fox to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lieut. Thomas Meredith and Mr. Robert Davis, executor of Lieut. Carew Meese, as to the respite of the pay of those lieutenants, leaving it to their Lordships if they thought fit to allow the claims, amounting to 182*l.* 5*s.* Dated 13 May 1696.

Minuted:—"To Mr. Clerk to prepare a warr^t^ for taking off these respitts."

Also the petition. 2¼ *pages.*

May 13. 67. Report of the Earl of Ranelagh, on the petition of Col. Nathaniel Blackeston, late Lieutenant-Governor of the island of "Montserrat in America," setting forth that there were 25 months'

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arrears due to him as captain in the regiment, now Col. Holt's; advising their Lordships that 360*l.* were due to him. Dated 13 May 1696.

Accompanied by an Order in Council and the memorial.

There are four minutes on the back; the last is:—"Read 27 Apr. '98. He will be pd one year when the rest are paid, by the provision making in Parl^t." *Parts of* 3 *pages.*

May 14. 68. Report of the Com^rs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William East, late master of the "Friendship," as to the payment of freight. Dated 14 May 1696.

Also the petition and copy of the account. 1 *page and* 3 *parts of pages.*

May 14. 69. "An account of profit and losse, by makeing of farthings and halfe pence of copper, at 21 pence per pound weight, with a remedy of a half penny on each pound weight, from the 24th of June 1694, to the 25th of March 1696." According to a patent granted to Sir Joseph Herne "and others," for seven years from the 24th of June 1694, whereby they are obliged to change all true tynn half-pence and farthings not exceeding 200 pounds a week."

"Taken out of y^e patentees' books by me Andrew Corbett May 14th, 1696." 2 *pages.*

[About May 14.] 70. The case of the contractors for making of half-pence and farthings of copper, showing the conditions of their contract and that they had presumed there would be a sufficiency of English copper at 100*l.* a ton, at which rate, on the 25th of March 1696, they had lost 3,986*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*, as appeared by an account of the controller. They were then losing 87*l.* a week. They prayed for a licence to cut their farthings and halfpence to the present value of the copper, and to make use of foreign copper. Without date, but about 14 May 1696, as would appear from the account referred to. 1 *page.*

May 14. 71. Letter of the Duke of Shrewsbury, dated 14 May 1696, to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing reports on the petition of Col. Cunningham.

The reports are not now with it, but a paper headed "A particular of the forfeited leases annexed to Col. Conyngham's petition," and a docquet to "Mr. Cunningham's petition, praying a grant of His Ma^ts title to a forfeited mortgage of 1400^li & a custodiam of "certain lands."

Minuted:—"14 Apr. '97. Not granted." 5 *pages.*

[? Early in May.] 72. A proposition made by H. Fairfax and George Banister to the Lords of the Treasury, to serve His Majesty in setting up a mint at York, which they said was urgently required; if some gentlemen of note were made commissioners there would be four times the amount of plate brought in to be coined, and that would revive trade, then almost totally decayed; otherwise the forces must suffer, for the greatest part of their clothing was bought there, and lead and iron were supplied from thence; provisions, which were treble the price they had been at the previous Christmas, would also fall. Undated, but see Vol. XXXVII., No. 62.

Minuted:—"This matter is left to y^e officers of y^e Mint." 1 *page.*

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May 15. 1. Report of Mr. S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of the Lord Capel, respecting the grant of a lease for 31 years, of the manor of Richmond, alias West Sheen, in the county of Surrey: advising the propriety of excepting from the lease the New Park and lodge, the Richmond ferry, &c., and that 4,500*l.* was a reasonable sum for such a lease. Dated 15 May 1696.

Also the petition and a small paper commencing, "Bee pleased to acquaint y^e^ Treasury that it is the King's pleasure that a privy seal do pass for what moneys I have received out of y^e^ manor of Richmond." 4¼ *pages.*

May 15. 2. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Blackmore, citizen and mercer of London, praying for a warrant of a *nolle prosequi* to an information against a parcel of silks seized by some of the officers in the port of Bristol; in favour of relief being granted to him. Dated 15 May 1696.

Minuted:—"A *noli pros.*"

Also the petition and another report on the same, signed "G. Medcalfe." 3 *pages.*

May 15. 3. A letter from a committee appointed by the mayor, sheriffs, citizens, and commonalty of Norwich, to consider of the establishment of a mint at Norwich, addressed to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk; praying him to use his interest in procuring the grant of a mint to be set up there as speedily as might be, there being such a scarcity of money in that city, that it would be very difficult to preserve the peace without a speedy supply; and stating that they were given to understand there would be plate enough brought in from the neighbouring counties to keep a mill at work for a year or two at least. With this postscript, "There is a farre greater quantitie of clipt money in the country than was supposed by the Parliament, which if it might be new coined or changed without any losse, would greatly oblige the people." Dated 15 May 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI. p, 303, 16 May 1696, is this minute: "To Mr. Neal, to send officers to Bristoll, Norwich, and Hereford, to take care & make provision for mints to be sett up there." 1 *page.*

May 16. 4. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lord Blaney to the King, praying for the arrears of pay due to him from the date of his commission as Governor of the garrison of Sligo, to the time of his being placed upon the establishment of the military list; sending the report of the Attorney-General to whom he had referred the matter, and a certificate of the muster-master general, who certified that 723*l.* would be due to him at 20*s. per diem.* The letter is dated 16 May 1696.

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Besides the report and certificate, it is accompanied by a copy of the establishment for Sligo, and the petition. The latter is minuted :—

"Ref. to L^d Dep^ty.

"State ye case & send it to M^r Blathwaite to pray His Mat^y to signifie his pl. whether he will allow the arrear out of His Mat^ys Trea[su]ry in Irel[an]d." 6½ *pages.*

May 16. 5. Letter from Mr. Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that Signior Coronelli, geographer to the republic of Venice, had presented to the Lords Justices some of his geographical works, and making known their Lordships' wish that he should have a gratification of 100 guineas. Dated 16 May 1696. 1 *page (quarto).*

May 18. 6. Letter from Mr. William Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning certain warrants signed by the King, signifying his pleasure that the patent then designed, should only be a confirmation of the grant of 4,000*l. per ann.* which the Duke of Schonberg then enjoyed, for the payment of the interest of 100,000*l.* till the principal was satisfied. Also, as to grants of forfeitures in Ireland to the Lord Coningsby and Lord Galway. Dated Dieren, $\frac{18}{28}$ May 1696.

Also the following list of the warrants, viz :—

1. Thomas Boteler, Esq., for 1,000^li.
2. Charles Fox and Thomas Lord Coningsby, for 50,000^li Irish arrears.
3. Sir Thomas Wheate, 1,095^li disch^a.
4. Harris & al. 2,000^li for app^rhending Bernardi & Rookwood.
5. Pierce & al. 1,000^li for serving Charnock.
6. Pendergrast, 2,000^li, Smith, 243^li 11^s.
7. D. of Shrewsbury, 10,000^li for secret service.
8. Colo. Leigh, grant of 500^li.
9. Baber & al. Rec^rs Gen^ll of South Wales.
10. Lord Coningsby for lands in Ireland.
11. Lord Galway the like.
12. Sir Oliver Aishcomb, discha. of 1,095^li. 1½ *pages.*

May 18. 7. Report of the auditors of imprest to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the names of the auditors and officers under them, who signed the Voluntary Association. Dated 18 May 1696. 1 *page.*

May 18. 8. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Lieut.-Col. John Skelton, with a letter thereon from Mr. Clarke, signifying that it is the King's pleasure that 837*l.* 10*s.*, for which the lieutenant-colonel is bound, on account of clothing three companies of the regiment now Col. Collingwood's, should be placed upon the off-reckonings of the regiment; laying before their Lordships a state of the off-reckonings of that regiment. Dated 18 May 1696.

Also the petition and letter.

Minuted :—"To be paid per tally on the continued Imp^ons." 3 *pages.*

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May 18. 9. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Sir George St. George, concerning a difference between him and Sir Matthew Bridges, about the accounts of the regiment now under Sir Matthew's command, formerly commanded by Sir George St. George, certifying that Sir Matthew excused his attendance, being obliged to be in Flanders, and begged the matter might be deferred. Dated 18 May 1696.

Also the memorial and another of Lieut. Thos. Warren in behalf of Sir George St. George, Knt. 3 *pages.*

[? About May 18.] 10. Petition of Thomas Boteler, Esq., to the King, showing that His Majesty had declared his pleasure to grant him 1,500*l.*, praying that it might be paid by tallies on the Excise or otherwise as the King saw fit.

Minuted:—"A warr^{t} for 1,000^{li} of bounty & in full of pretencions, for their service."

Undated. See a warrant to him for 1,000*l.*, dated 18 May 1696, O.S. in *King's Warrant Book*, Vol. XII., p. 27. 1 *page.*

May 13 and 20. 11. Letter of the Com^{rs} of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, announcing that no merchants had come to them that morning about the sale of hemp, in order that their Lordships might proceed to import the quantity wanted. Dated 13 May 1696.

Also a paper containing "Mr. Martin's proposal about hempe." Dated 20 May 1696. 2 *pages.*

May 20. 12. Report of Robert Rochford, Esq., Attorney-General for Ireland, to the Lords Justices there; on the petition of Col. Hen. Luttrell to the King, as to a custodiam of the estate of his brother, Col. Simon Luttrell; expressing the opinion that what was desired was no more than was intended by the King. Dated 20 May 1696.

Also the petition and copies of six other documents connected with the same subject. 10 *pages.*

May 21. 13. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Penelope Holt, widow of Richard Holt, praying for the arrears of pay due to her husband as a lieutenant in Col. Henry Holt's regiment, stating that it appeared 140*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* was due, and advising the payment of 100*l.* in part thereof. Dated 21 May 1696.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

May 21. 14. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, communicating the King's commands that 329*l.* 8*s.* should be allowed to Mr. May as having been paid on the King's account for the land tax, for Windsor Green Park, in 1693, 1694, and 1695. Dated Loo, $\frac{21}{31}$ May 1696. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

May 21. 15. Letter from Mr. Thos. Neale to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., concerning the agreement made by the former with Mr. Shepheard, to whom he was to assign his salary, &c. as master worker of the

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Mint, in payment of 8,000*l.* due to him, till it was re-paid, together with 6 *per cent.* interest; desiring Mr. Lowndes to prepare an instrument for that purpose which Thos. Neale would execute. Dated 21 May 1696.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 324, 16 June 1696:—

"Mr Duncomb, Mr Hoar, junr, Mr Neal, & Mr Shepard, & Mr Selby. An indre is read to entitle Mr Hoar comptr, & Mr Duncomb, each to $\frac{1}{4}$th of ye profitts of ye mar worker of ye Mint (over & above the 500li a year sallary reserved to Mr. Neal), with an indorsmt that Mr Neal may dispose of ye place; paying them at any time 1,500li a piece.

"Mr Selby desires the profitts of ye place may go according to that deed.

"Mr Neal saies there was no trust, no consideration; he was forced to give that deed. His patent was in 1678 when he knew neither Hoar or Duncomb. There was a sallary of 200l a year as Comrs, and they deprived him of his share; upon Slingsby's surendr he had a lawfull title to his place. They insinuated to him he was not fitt for the place, and should not have it, unless he would lett them have part of ye profitts; it could be no trust, for he had his patent long before. They brot a deed ready written, but he would not seal it till the indorsemt was made wch imports it a mortgage, and it is all satisfied. Mr Duncomb saies ye consideracon was mo[ney] lent; my Lords leave it to the law." 1 *page.*

[About May 22.] 16. Mr. Rotiers' memorial [to the Lords of the Treasury] stating that the former establishment of the Mint was two mills and five presses, which he maintained with dies for coining, for which 325*l.* *per ann.* was payable by the Mint, of which he had 175*l.* and Mr. Harris 150*l.*; but Mr. Harris gave him no assistance. There were then eight mills and 11 presses more, and he had supplied all the new mills and presses with dies, and would oblige himself to make dies for all the others when ready, but must lose all profit by making medals, &c, and must employ six persons to assist at 400*l.* *per ann.* He had since 30 Jan. made 350 pairs of dies besides puncheons, and paid the workmen out of his own pocket, and never received but 43*l.* 15*s.*

Undated, but see the following report.

The following minute was probably made in relation to this memorial:—

"The Warden of the Mint proposes 175li addition *per ann.* to Mr Rotiers for himselfe, & 200li *per ann.* for his men. Soe as he take upon him the finding ye dyes for ye country mints as well as those at ye Tower, wch Mr Neal consents to and is to be pd out of his poundage." See *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 304, 22 May 1696. 1 *page.*

May 22. 17. Report of Thos. Neale, the [Master of the Mint] to het Lords of the Treasury, on the representation and proposal of James Roettiers, assistant to Henry Harris, Esq., engraver to the Mint in the Tower, stating that he never heard that there was any agree-

1696. ment with the engraver of the Mint (whose salary was 325*l. per ann.*) to supply with dies two mills and five presses only, but had understood that he was to supply as many dies as were needed; recommending additional allowance during the coinage of the clipt money. As to the pretended loss in being taken off from making medals, he could not but notice that there had been no medal made for the King since the death of the Queen, and as to Bennett's house, which he desired, it was in possession of the office of Ordnance. Dated 22 May 1696.

Accompanied by the representation and an agreement of the Master to pay Roetiers 800 *per ann.* for himself and six servants during the coinage.

The following appears to be the minute on it:—"625li above ye all. of 175 on ye Mint estab."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 304, 22 May 1696, is the following minute:—

"My Lords recomend it to ye officers of ye Mint to agree wth Mr Rotiers." 2½ *pages.*

May 23. 18. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Eccles and other merchants of the city of Dublin, as to the seizure of certain currants at Liverpool; offering no objection to a *nolle prosequi*. Dated 23 May 1696.

Minuted:—"My Lds agree to ye report, in wt relates to ye petrs, & will give such directions to ye Commrs of ye Revenue of Irld (when they come next to this Board) as shall be thought necessary to prevent ye irregular importation into ye kingdom."

"Write to the Comrs of ye revenue to be more carefull not to suffer such importation for the future."

Also the petition. 2½ *pages.*

May 23. 19. A list of the names of labourers now employed by the Corporation of Moneyers, May 23, 1696; in all 160 men. 1 *page.*

May 25. 20. A paper, *docquetted:*—"Mr Neal's answer to the moneyers," being apparently a rambling reply to the statement of the grievances of the Corporation of Moneyers against the master worker and other officers of the Mint. [As to the work done and the claims of the moneyers.] Dated 25 May 1696. 3 *pages.*

May 25. 21. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to the Secretary of the Lords of the Treasury, praying him to move their Lordships to appoint 13,733*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for answering the first payment, or one-third of the money agreed to be paid for hemp to Mr. Martin, Mr. Joy, Mr. Gould, and Sir Wm. Gore. Dated 25 May 1696. 2 *pages.*

May 25. 22. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes as to bills drawn on Lord Ranelagh for subsidies and forage, which services the Lords of the Treasury thought were provided for by tallies before the King's departure; acquainting their Lordships that no bills are or will be drawn for forage, but for subsidies it had been absolutely necessary for the march of the allies to do so. Further

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acquainting their Lordships that "our credit was so very low in those countries and the wants of the army so great that it was the King's pleasure their Lps should immediately proceed to make a contract with some person for the remittals, or find out some other way for the payment of the army, it being impossible to get any further supplies from thence, so that the King had his sole dependence for the support of the army on their Lps in procuring a speedy supply for the forces, which must otherwise infallibly come to ruin." Dated at Breda, 4 June '96, N.S. *i.e.*, 25 May.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI. p. 322, 12 June 1696. "To write to Mr Blathwaite to acqt him with what applicacions have been made out of the tallys that were reserved for the contingent uses of the warr, & to desire him to send a particular of the uses to wch the rest of those talleys are designed, & to acqt him that the warrt signed per ye K. to pay to ye asss of ye D. of Holstein "Gostorp" the value of 25,000 crownes curr. mo of Holld. must be satisfied out of ye remaindr of those tallys, there being no other fond for them." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

May 26. 23. Letter of Mr. Burchett by direction of the Comrs of the Admiralty, to Mr. Lowndes, Secretary to the Treasury, stating that the Comrs of Victualling the Navy had represented to them the great difficulty they had in providing victuals at Plymouth for want of current money; sending their letter. Dated 26 May 1696. 2 *pages.*

May 27. 24. Certificate as the state of the account of the Rt. Hon. John Lord Cutts, Baron of Gowran in the kingdom of Ireland, Governor of the forts, castles, and other fortifications in the Isle of Wight, and receiver of the revenue there. Dated 27 May 1696. ½ *page.*

May 28. 25. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Offley, Esq., respecting certain wine saved from a French ship at Beachy, which he claimed as lord of the manor, but which claim was disputed on the part of the Crown. Dated 28 May 1696.

Minuted:—"To have ½ the clear profitt of ye King's ⅔d after deduction of ye charges."

Also the petition and a letter signed "John Ford," relative thereto. 3 *pages.*

May 28. 26. Report of the Comrs of Prizes upon a petition of Capt. Waters, for gunnage for 22 guns taken in a privateer and delivered to the office of the Ordnance.

They report that in the war in 1666 no gunnage was paid to the captains of the men of war; the goods, however, found between decks and the guns were delivered to the Comrs of Prizes, &c., but by the King's declaration in the present war, 10*s.* a ton and 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per gun were paid to the officers and seamen, &c. Dated 28 May 1696.

Accompanied by an Order in Council, the petition, a certificate, and a printed copy of the King's declaration. 8 *pages.*

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May 29. 27. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury as to advancements to the East Country merchants for hemp. Dated 29 May 1696. 1 *page.*

May 30. 28. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury respecting the carrying of coined money of this kingdom, or any such bullion as ought not by law to be exported. The Com^rs state that it was chiefly done by men-of-war and yachts passing between England and Ireland and England and Holland, and recommend measures for the prevention thereof. Dated 30 May 1696. 1½ *pages.*

May 30. 29. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Treasurer of the Navy, stating that the Com^rs of the Admiralty had confirmed the estimate for fitting the "Content" and "Trident," prizes, taken from the French in the Mediterranean, and desiring him to solicit the Lords of the Treasury for the money for the same. Dated 30 May '96.

Also the estimate. 2 *pages.*

May 30. 30. Letter of three persons, without address, stating that, with the advice and assistance of the chief magistrates of Bristol, they had fixed upon a sugar-house situate in St. Peter Street, in the heart of the city, for the erection of a mint for the satisfaction of the people, who were very much dissatisfied under the want of a currency to carry on their trade, and further stating that it might be completed in six weeks. Dated Bristol, 30 May 1696.

There is the following minute in the *Minute Book,* Vol. VI., p. 382, 8, 7^br. 1696:—"Officers of the Mint call'd in. My Lords exhort the provost to use all dispatch in the business of ye country mints." 1 *page.*

May 31. 31. Letter "from M^r Blathwayt, for m^o or tallys, to be d[elivere]d for 96,608 gild^rs expended in Zealand, for transportation of y^e forces sent from thence to England at y^e time of the intended French invasion." Dated at the "Camp at Marie Kirk," 10 June '96, N.S. 1 *page (quarto, torn).*

June 1. 32. Letter, signed "Fran. Stratford," without address, stating that he had previously demanded 14 days' respite for payment of the moiety of Mr. Hill's bill of R. 40,000, which the Earl of Brandenburg, Paymaster-General, readily consented to. He never knew Sir Wm. Gore so discouraged in undertaking such payments; he had used all his persuasions to a further compliance, and begged the repayment of these R. 40,000 effectually to the Lords of the Treasury. He begged an order and not a bill of exchange upon him for the subsidies to the Duke of Holstein. He hears the coinage goes on better, so that as the new money came abroad credit would revive, and there would be less difficulty in supplying the King's occasions. Dated Hamburg, 1/11 June 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 26 June '96." 1½ *pages.*

June 1. 33. Letter from Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning several papers signed by the King, with this postscript:—"His

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Majesty has not yet declared his pleasure in the Lord Rabi's case, nor in that of Sr Samuel Bernardiston." Dated at the camp on Mariekirk, 1/11 June 1696. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 1. 34. Letter from the same to the same, stating that the English hospitals in those parts were reduced to the greatest straits; enclosing a memorial from Mr. Lamb, the contractor (which was approved by the King), for their Lordships' consideration and orders, for the speedy performance of what was proposed, unless they could make a better provision. Dated at Mechlen, 1/11 June 1696.

The memorial, in which he proposed that 16,000*l.* be issued in tallies to his order in London, and to have the money remitted, &c.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI. p. 322, 12 June 1696, is:—

"Mr Lamb is to have 16,000li tallys on the Annuity Act (pt of those remayning in ye E. of Ranelaghs hands) for ye expence of ye hosplls in Flandrs." 2 *pages*.

June 4. 35. Letter from the same to the same, forwarding His Majesty's directions to the Lords of the Treasury, to repay 300*l.* to Lord Lucas, which was expended by the King's particular order, for especial service. Dated at the camp at Basse Wavre, 4/14 June 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 349, 23 July 1696, is the following:—

"Lord Lucas to have his 300li expended out of loanes on low wines." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 5. 36. Report of the Comrs of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had given directions to the officers of the yard at Deptford to receive the naval stores imported by Sir Henry Ashurst and Sir Stephen Evance from New England; and, conceiving that the cargo might be designed for a specimen of what the country could produce for the supply of the Navy, they directed a survey thereof, and the report was that the plank, treenails, and timber were infirm and not fit for the Navy, but of the rafters, pitch, tar, and rosin it spoke more favourably. Dated 5 June 1696.

Also the report.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 319, 8 June 1696, is the following:—"Comrs Navy called in, my Lords speak to 'em concerning the money due to Sr Henry Ashhurst & Sr Stephen Evance, for navall stores imported from New England. They say if they are to be paid as a dealer with the Navy they must be paid in course, but if, as the King's merchts if the envoyce be sent to them, they will examine the same, & make out an imprest bill for the stores, the gratuity to be considered afterwards by my Lords." 2½ *pages*.

June 6. 37. Letter of the same Comrs. to the Secretary of the Treasury, praying him to announce to the Lords of the Treasury

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that a bargain had been made for the purchase of hemp in order that the sum of 2,266*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* might be appointed to pay 1/3 of the value, by way of imprest. Dated 6 June '96.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 319, 8 June 1696, is the following:—" 2,266^{li} 18^{s} 4^{d} to be paid to y^{e} Treasurer of y^{e} Navy for S^{r} W^{m} Gore & M^{r} Martin for the first paym^{t} on some new contracts for hemp, out of the milled money proceeding from loans on the Act for prolonging the time for purchasing ann^{tyes}." 1 *page.*

June 8. 38. Letter, signed W^{m} Blathwayt, to M^{r} Lowndes, transmitting several warrants signed by the King. Dated Camp at Basse Wavre, 8/18 June 1696.

On the other side is the following list of them:—

" Mr. Everard to be a Com^{r} of Excise.

" M^{r} Johnstown 300^{li} *per ann.* for 31 years, out of S^{r} Roger Strickland's estate.

" Treasurer of the Navy for a privy seal for 1,000,000^{li}." *Parts of* 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

June 8. 39. Representation by Mr. Isaac Newton and another officer of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the progress they had made in providing instruments and officers for the five mints in the country. Dated 8 June 1696. 1 *page.*

June 8. 40. A few memoranda about the Pix (Mint). Dated 8 June 1696. *A few lines.*

June 9. 41. A paper drawn up by Thomas Neale, of the Mint, addressed to their Lordships, in relation to the mints proposed to be established at Bristol, Norwich, Exeter, Hereford, and York; showing what steps had been taken and what would be required. Dated 9 June 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 321, 10 June 1696, is:—

" M^{r} Neal, & M^{r} Hall, & M^{r} Hoar, grandson of y^{e} comp^{r} cald in; they present the acco^{ts} of the countrey mints, w^{ch} they have reced from the countrey. They are to present officers for these mints." 1½ *pages.*

June 10. 42. Report of the Com^{rs} of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury on an invoice of naval stores imported by Sir Henry Ashhurst and Sir Stephen Evans, and as to 3,006*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* said to have been defrayed by those gentlemen as the cost of the stores. Dated 10 June 1696.

Also four papers relating to the stores.

With a minute on the dorse as to what was done thereon.

(See also 5 June, No. 36.)

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 329, 23 June 1696, is:—

" S^{r} Henry Ashurst & S^{r} Stephan Evance to have their Navy bill, " & a reward of 10 *per cent.* out of loanes on ye 4th ayd." 5½ *pages.*

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June 10. 43, "Navy letter for money to pay the contractors for hemp wt is due to 'em upon signing their contracts." Dated 10 June '96.
Minuted:—"To be paid out of loans on ye land tax." 1 *page.*

June 12. 44. "Navy letter dat. 12th June '96, for 1,133 6 8 for 1/3 of a new contract wth Mr Gold for hemp."
Another letter on the same day announcing a further purchase of hemp, &c. 2 *pages.*

June 12. 45. "Navy letter 12th June 1696 for freight of 160 recruits to Collo Holt's regt in ye Leward Islands." 1 *page.*

June 13. 46. Letter from the Comrs for Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them the instructions they had drawn up for the management of the Prize Office. Dated 13 June 1696.
Minuted:—"To be layd before ye Lords Justices."
Accompanied by the instructions. 2 *pages and* 2 *parts.*

June 15. 47. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing the warrants concerning the Earl of Ranelagh and Lord Raby. Dated at the camp at Corbais, $\frac{15}{25}$ June 1696. *A few lines only.*

[About June 16.] 48. Letter from Mr. Isaac Newton [Warden of the Mint] to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining that his salary was only 400*l.* *per ann.*, with a house of 40*l.* *per ann.*, and his perquisites only 3*l.* 12*s.* *per ann.* for fee-coals, and that it was insufficient to support his office; whilst the salary of the master and worker was 500*l.*, &c., and that the duties were increased.
Minuted:—"Read 16 June '96. My Lords, at the end of this coynage, will give him a consideration extry, suitable and proporconable to the increase allowed to the other officers, for this extra coynage. But this to be done out of the coynage mo[ney]." 1 *page.*

June 16. 49. Memorial of several colonels of the army who served in Ireland, complaining that there was a small remainder due to them according to the annexed account, offering, if their Lordships would give them tallies on any fund, to procure a loan for 25,000*l.* Dated 16 June 1696.
Minuted:—"To be considered to-morrow."
Accompanied by a list of the regiments and the sums due. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

June 17. 50. Warrant of the Comrs for taking, examining, and stating the public accounts, addressed to the Comrs of Excise for the exhibition of weekly certificates of the receipts, issues, and payments of moneys payable to the Receiver-General of the Excise. Dated 17 June 1696. 1 *sheet.*

June 17. 51. Copy of a warrant to Thomas Done and Brook Bridges, Esq., Auditors of the Imprest, for certificates to be made of the states of all accounts of the public revenue brought before them, &c. Dated 17 June 1696. 3 *pages.*

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June 18. 52. Letter of Mr. Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, inclosing the petition of the committee for the fabric of Greenwich Hospital, for the grant of a piece of ground whereon to build an infirmary and laundry for the intended hospital. Dated 18 June '96.

Also the petition to the Lords Justices. (Signatures of the Committee.) 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

June 18. 53. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial on behalf of the 2nd battalion of Scotch Guards and Col. Mackay's regiment, viz., as to passing certain "bays," apparel, and accoutrements, custom free. Dated 18 June 1696.

Minuted:—"Read ult. Jun. '96. The goods to be d[elivere]d free."

The memorial referred to, and a warrant touching the same. 3 *pages*.

June 18. 54. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, transmitting His Majesty's orders that the reversionary list of the post fines pass to Lord Raby, notwithstanding the *caveat* entered by Sir Robert Clayton and the Lord Fairfax, and that the Lords of the Treasury give the necessary directions. Dated at the camp at Corbais, $\frac{18}{28}$ June, 1696.

The following, which is of a prior date to the letter, is entered in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 301, 19 May 1696:—

"Lord Raby heard w^th^ S^r^ Rob^t^ Clayton & Lord Fairfax upon a caveat of y^e^ latter ag^t^ passing to Lord Raby a revercionary lease of the post fines. M^r^ Soll^r^ Gen^ll^, of counsell for S^r^ Rob^t^ Clayton, saies, in case a grant be made to any other then his clyent the K. wilbe indebted to them, at y^e^ end of their terme, for paym^ts^ made by the sheriffs out of their money for taking thieves, removing prisoners, &c., and he desires the lease may be made to them, or else security may be given to answer what shalbe due to them at y^e^ end of this terme. M^r^ Dodd of y^e^ same side says, They are the y^e^ present tenants, have tenant right, and are in surplusage on their acco^ts^; they have long termes in being, w^ch^ were purchased for valuable considerations, and are willing to take further terme, & hope none shall have it over their heads. M^r^ Attorny for Lord Raby saies, there is no objection in point of law, but y^e^ K. may grant to whom he pleases. Tenant right is no right at all, and y^e^ K. has declared his pleasure so farr as to sign a warr^t^. He saies, if a true acc^o^ were taken, y^e^ King's rent would be suff. to reimburse them what the sheriffs apply of this revenue for taking thieves, &c.; but however they have no coven^nt^ from y^e^ K. if it will not extend thereunto, and there was a pencon of 500^li^ a year out it that is ceased. That S^r^ Robert & L^d^ Fairfax cannot pretend tenn^t^ right, for y^e^ original grantees were L^d^ Berksh^r^ & S^r^ Rob. Howard. M^r^ Pratt, of y^e^ same side, That the lease was granted in cons. of services *per* Lord Berksh^r^, and not of y^e^ rent; and those services were sufficiently rewarded by y^e^ grant first made, & these gent^en^ cannot pretend to another reward for y^e^ same service. In case of land there is an improvem^t^, which creates something called tennant right, but nothing of that in case of this revenue. That y^e^ last

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accoᵗ was in 1689, when 2,745*l.* was in surplusage, and since then some charges then in being are fallen off. The profitts of the last year may go to make good their surplusage, and there wilbe a rent reserved from my Lord Raby, which (if the King pleases) may make good the surplusage to the present lessees; or, if the King will not dispose of yᵗ, it will be in His Maᵗˢ power, upon their applicacion to him, to satisfy them out of any other revenue or branch. Sʳ Robᵗ saies they have overpᵈ their rent 2,305ˡⁱ 5*s.*, & yᵗ my Lord Grandison's annuity of 500ˡⁱ out of the post fines is unpᵈ & in arreare about 1,100ˡⁱ.

"My Dod saies His Maᵗʸ was surprized, not knowing my Lᵈ. Fairfaxe's interest, who marryed yᵉ heiress of yᵉ Lord Culpeper, and has not done any thing to forfeit yᵉ King's favour by non-paymᵗ of rent, or otherwise, & desires matter of fact may be represented to yᵉ K. before yᵉ grant passes." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 19. 55. Copy of a warrant to Ralph, Earl of Montague, Master of the Great Wardrobe, and to Charles Bland and Lawrence Townsend, Esq., officers of the same, for the exhibition of a certificate of the money of His Majesty's Treasurer, paid to them for the use of the wardrobe, &c. Dated 19 June 1696. 3 *pages.*

June 19. 56. Report of the Comʳˢ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Simon Clement and other merchants, who had infringed the Navigation Act by allowing the ship "Regina" to be worked with less than three-fourths English sailors. Dated 19 June 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 24 June 1696. My Lords will show all reasonable favour & encouragement in this case."

Also the memorial and two affidavits. 4 *pages.*

June 19. 57. Report of the Comʳˢ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the memorial of the Spanish Ambassador's secretary, concerning 595*l.* paid to one of the hired tellers, without acquainting Mr. Jones, the receiver's teller, thereof. Dated 19 June 1696.

Minuted:—"Read ult. Jun '96. My Lords cannot direct the charging of this mo., because ye Recʳ Genˡˡ cannot bring it into ye Excheqʳ, the time being past."

Also the memorial. 2 *pages.*

June 19. 58. Report of the Comʳˢ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Marshall gent., one of the patent waiters of the port of London, praying to surrender that office, and that Mr. James Wingfield, his deputy, might be appointed. Dated 19 June 1696.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition and a certificate. 3 *pages.*

June 19. 59. Report of the Comʳˢ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Taylor of London, merchant, concerning the import and export of tobacco. Dated 19 June 1696.

Minuted:—"Lect. 28 July '96. A warrᵗ to make a supplemental debʳ for the 3,000ᶜʷᵗ tobacco omitted."

Also the petition. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

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June 19. 60. Copy of warrant to the principal officers and Commissioners of the Navy, for rendering account of the particulars exhibited in certain articles annexed to a precept sent to them by the Com^rs appointed to examine the public accounts of the kingdom; and to deliver quarterly certificates, and an account of the victualling, hiring of tenders, purchase of ships, bomb vessels, &c., &c. Dated 19 June 1696. 4 *pages.*

19 June. 61. Draft of a letter, unsigned, to the Lord Privy Seal, desiring him to appoint the clerks and officers under him to make out the docquets of all grants of any part of the revenue of lands, money, woods or other profits, passed or to be passed the privy seal, from 1 June to 1 July, &c. Dated York Buildings, June 19, 1696. 2 *pages.*

June 20. 62. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Henry Cartwright; praying for the arrears of pay due to him in Sir John Jacob's regiment, in consideration of his being appointed to make his campaign in Flanders as an engineer; stating that there appeared to be due to him 195*l.* 18*s.*, besides 43*l.* on account of Irish arrears. Dated 20 June 1696.

Also the petition and a certificate of what was due.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 331, 26 June 1696, "100^l to be p^d to Capt. Cartwright, for arrears of pay in S^r John Jacob's regim^t; out of y^e tallys on cont. imp^o, w^ch were reserved for contingencies of ye warr." *Parts of* 4 *pages* (*quarto*).

June 23. 63. Presentment of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury as to certain words inserted in a notice, served on the Com^rs of Excise by the Com^rs of Appeals, without their consent and direction, Dated 23 June 1696.

Copy of the notice and of a letter from the celebrated John Locke, one of the Com^rs of Appeals, who very explicitly states that the notice had been tampered with. 3 *pages.*

June 23. 64. Proceedings taken and to be taken in relation to the setting up of mints at York, Exeter, Bristol, Norwich, and Hereford, the costs of which would be about 800*l.* each. There is also a list of the tools that would be required. Dated 23 June 1696. 3 *pages.*

June 23. 65. Letter of Mr. William Blaithwayt to Mr. Lowndes communicating the King's pleasure that a grant should pass to Col. Henry Lutterell and his heirs, of his brother's estate as desired by him. Dated camp at Corbais, 3 July 1696, N.S., *i.e.* 23 June. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

June 24. 66. Representation of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen and exchange of prisoners of war, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that at Plymouth there were about 300 seamen and 500 prisoners, and the agent wrote that they must starve for he had not 5*l.* to subsist them, and desired to be discharged from the service if

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he could not be supplied; that there were from the grand fleet above 700 sick seamen at Torbay, and the people not able to provide for them; concluding with other similar urgent demands for money. Dated 24 June 1696. 1 *page.*

June 24. 67. 1. "Fees and charges upon y^e^ installation of his Highness the Duke of Gloucester, knight companion elect of the most noble Order of the Garter." Dated 24 June 1696.

At the foot is this note, "Their Royal Highnesses design y^e^ installation to be on y^e^ 24^th^ of July next."

(2.) "Fees to be payd upon the installation of his Highness the Duke of Gloucester, before the atchievem^ts^ are hung up."

(3.) "A bill of fees due to the King's servants, from all persons that receive the honour of knighthood, in order of being knight of the most noble Order of the Garter."

(4.) "Mr. King's bill for y^e^ Garter achievem^ts^ prepared against y^e^ installation of His Ma^ties'^ nephew, William, son to her Royal Highness the Princess Anne of Denmark, and delivered to S^r^ Tho. S^t^. George, Kn^t^, Garter principal King of Armes."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI, p. 345, 21 July 1696, is the following:—"500^li^ to the househ[o]ld tow^ds^ y^e^ entertainm^t^ of the installation of ye D. of Glouc." 4 *pages.*

June 25. 68. Order in Council referring to the Lords of the Treasury, for their consideration, a letter from the bailiffs and jurats of Guernsey, representing their difficulties in relation to the clipped money. Dated 25 June 1696.

Accompanied by the letter. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

June 25. 69. Report of the Com^rs^ of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the value of the King's share of a French vessel called the "Conestable," for which Vice-Admiral Mitchell had petitioned the King, and for orders to be given for the discharge of what he had received from consul Westcombe, the agent at Cadiz. By the accounts received, the consul had paid the Vice-Admiral 37,500 "reals plate, which makes out 1,172 pistols," &c. The King's gifts charged on the office were frequent and great, and they conceived their Lordships would be of opinion that such royal anticipations, appropriations by Parliament and by letters patent, could not be answered out of the King's share of prizes. Dated 25 June 1696 1 *page.*

June 26. 70. Letter signed Geo. Clark, addressed to Mr. Lowndes, desiring him to move the Lords of the Treasury for some money to subsist the company of invalids in garrison at Tinmouth Castle, who were ready to starve. If Captain Lloyd, their commander, had 100*l.* it would be enough at present. Lord Godolphin and the rest of the Lords Justices knew their sad condition. Dated 26 June 1696. 1 *page (quarto).*

June 29. 71. Letter of Com^rs^ of the Navy to the Treasurer of the Navy: *docquetted:*—"From Navy, concerning want of m^o^ for y^e^ merchants who deal for stores." Dated 29 June '96. 1 *page.*

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June 30. 72. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Brigadier Selwyn, and the rest of the officers of the regiment of foot under his command; praying that the pay of the late Lieutenant-General Kirk might be stated to discharge a debt of 1,000li which the lieutenant-general owed the regiment, formerly under his command, as it fell on the personal pay of the officers: showing that 1,965*l.* was due, and that the lieutenant-general had received the pay of the regiment and applied it to his own use. Dated 30 June 1696. 2 *pages.*

July 1. 73. Letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, *docquetted,* "Navy estimate of what [is] due for wages." Dated 1 July 1696. 1 *page.*

July 2. 74. Letter from William Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, sending the particulars of the extraordinary charge of the army for the year, showing a deficiency of 350,000*l.* Dated at the camp at Gemblour, $\frac{2}{12}$ July 1696.
The account. 4 *pages.*

July 2. 75. Report of William Tailer, deputy auditor of the duchy of Cornwall, to the Lords [of the Treasury], in reference to a letter of Mr. Willm. Gribble of Truro, in Cornwall, complaining that Mr. Henry Herle, a merchant there, had melted down about two tons of tin into bars, without giving him notice. He (Mr. Tailer) had written to the deputy receiver of the duchy in relation thereto, and his reply was, that several persons had set up "kettles" in their private cellars, particularly at Fowey, Truro, and Penryn, where, under pretence of re-melting into bars tin duly coined in the block, they could run down uncoined tin and defraud the King of the duty and undersell the fair dealing merchant. The practice had been complained of when the now Duke of Leeds was Lord Treasurer, and the exportation of tin without the stamp was prohibited by warrant of 23 Sept 1676, &c.; advising the prohibition of the exportation of all unstamped tin, or carrying it out of the stannary where made in bars, as well as blocks; and that it was requisite that the small stamps as well as the greater hammers should be kept under the care and control of the respective officers of the stannaries; and that the owners of blowing houses should present their blowers to the Stannary Court, to be sworn against embezzlement of tin within their care; and that all private melting places should be suppressed. Dated 2 July 1696.
Accompanied by the two letters, and the warrant above referred to. 5 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 7. 76. Minutes of proceedings of the [Lords Justices of England], in relation to the land bank, viz., on 15, 28, and 30 May and 7 July 1696. 2 *pages.*
The following is entered in Vol. VI. of the *Minute Book,* pp. 336 and 337, 3 July 1696, touching the land-bank.

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"Comrs for the National Land Bank come in. Sr Thomas Cook, My Lords, I am comded to acqt yor Lops since we were last here, no subscriptions are taken; therefore ye Comrs for ye service of ye K. have mett, to consider of such methods as might be for His Mats service, & have putt their opinion in writing, wch he presents, & is read, vizt:- -

"Mercers Hall. At a genll meeting there held on Friday the of July 1696, by the Comrs for taking subscriptions to the Nacional Land-bank.

"Resolved, that it be humbly represented to ye Rt Honble ye Lds Comrs of His Mats Treasury, as followeth:—

"That the exigt occasions for mo & ye great advantages to be made thereof upon all securitys, as well publiq[ue] as private, have left ye Comrs wthout hopes of receiving any more subscripcions, upon ye all[owance] of 5li per c., & ye Comrs having endeavourd to satisfie themselves, upon wt allowance ye subscripcions may be expected, are humbly of opinion that an allow. after ye rate of 300,000li for ye whole summe of 2,564,000li will yet bring in ye subscripcions; but, ye time lymitted for taking them drawing so near to an end, if ye adjusting thereof be defered, it will render the accomplishmt to be very doubtfull.

"The Comrs therefore do humbly desire that their Lops pleasure may speedily be declared therein, and if their Lops shall think fitt to make ye allowance a[foresai]d, that ye Comrs may receive from their Lops such assurance thereof as may be a reasonable security & satisfaction to ye subscribrs for ye same. Upon confidence whereof, & such other favrs & conveniencys as are in their Lops power to grant, the Comrs have great hopes of success.

"Lord Godolphin, I observe there is no certainty, but onely hopes, if what is proposed should be consented to.

"Sr Tho. Cooke, the Comrs have had a meeting & with an unanimous consent have agreed to make this proposition; & are all resolved to subscribe as farr as their abilitys will give them leave; and others abroad have declared that they will subscribe considerable sums. We believe if it were lawfull for us to take subscriptions, on the termes proposed, we could give assurance under their hands the whole sume would be subscribed, but we are advised we could not take such subscriptions without the danger of a *premunire*, and it is our opinion the thing will succeed upon what is here proposed. And if there be any other method more advantageous than this seems to be, if yor Lors will please to lett us know them, we shall be ready to proceed therein. They withdraw & are called in againe.

"Ld Godolphin[s] answer [to] ye bank abt subscriptions. } Lord Godolphin, gentn my Lords have considered yor paper and yor proposall, and have comded mee to tell you, that in all the stepps [that] have been made in this matter, they have had that precaution & care not to do any thing of themselves, but as you have made propositions they have layd them before ye Lords Justices & have recd their directions in all the particulars, from time to time; and can make you no other answer at present, but they will take

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ye first opportunity, and lay this proposition before them to-morrow morning, & receive their direction as soon as is possible.

"Sr Joseph Herne. When shall we waite againe.

"Lord Godolphin. According as you shall heare from them."

July 8. 77. "Mr Solicitors opinion upon ye brewers double forfeiture for false & undue entries." Dated 8 July '96. 1 *page.*

July 8. 78. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to the Treasurer, enclosing an estimate of the charge of building a new sixth-rate ship at Sheerness, desiring him to solicit the Lords of the Treasury for the money. Dated 8 July 1696. 2 *pages.*

July 10. 79. A paper relating to payments under the head victualling for the Navy, &c.; totals only. Dated 10 July 1696. 1 *sheet.*

July 10. 80. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, reporting on a letter from Mr. Francis Riggs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting goods by him contracted to be imported from Norway, amounting to 18,711*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* Dated 10 July 1696.

Minuted:—"My Lords will consider of this." 2½ *pages.*

July 10. 81. Letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a report made by the Attorney-General on the petition of Maurice Annesley, Esq., with various other papers, fully showing the petitioners' sufferings by the rebellion in Ireland, concurring with the testimony of Lords Romney and Coningsby in their certificates concerning the petitioner, and recommending him as deserving such a grant as he prayed for. Dated 10 July 1696.

With the following *docquet:*—

"Maurice Annesley, Esq. petitions the King, praying His Mats title to such discoveries as he had made, or should make, of concealed debts, forfeited by Irish Papists, not exceeding 2,000*l.* in consideration of his sufferings and losses by the late rebellion in Ireland, and chiefly of his wood destroyed in that time by His Majesty's army.

Referred to Lord Deputy of Ireland, &c. &c.

The letter is accompanied by two reports, two petitions, and other papers.

Minuted:—"14 Apr. 1697, rejected. 21 Apr. 1697, granted." 13 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

July 10. 82. Copy of articles of agreement, between the King's waiters and land waiters, in the port of London, as to their fees, perquisites, and profits. Dated 10 July 1696. 3 *pages.*

July 13. 83. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, expressing the King's pleasure that tallies should be delivered to the order of Her van Odyke for 96,608 guilders, expended in Zealand, on the transportation of the forces from thence, at the time of the late intended

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invasion, there being no ready money for the same. Dated at the camp at Attre, 23 July 1696. [? N.S., *i.e.*, 13 July].

Minuted:—" Read 7 Aug. '96. M^r Franshaw is told my Lords will take care of this in a short time." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 14. 84. Report of the agents for taxes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Ralph Williamson, Esq., receiver-general of the third 4*s.* aid, for the counties of York, Durham, and Northumberland, who craved one *per cent.* on 110,488*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* as his commission, viz., 1,104*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, leaving it to their Lordships' decision. Dated 14 July 1696.

The petition and a letter from him to the Lords of the Treasury subsequent to the report.

Minuted:—" Read 21 7br. '27. My Lords will speak w^t th' agents." 3½ *pages*.

July 15. 85. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the usefulness of keeping a distinct account of the imports and exports of all commodities into and out of England, viz., from whence they came and whither they went; recommending Mr. Culliford for this special duty, under the character of inspector-general of the exports and imports. Dated 15 July 1696.

Minuted:—" Read 28 July '96. Respited."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., are the following minutes as to the employment of Mr. Culliford:—

(p. 332.) " 30 June 1696.—Com^rs of Customes cal'd in. My Lords propose the imploying M^r Culliford; S^r Robert Southwell saies they were of opinion ag^t it in a former report, but now for his part he has a great deference to my L^ds opinion for imploying him. M^r Godolphin saies he thinks he may be imployed to the advantage of ye revenue, but he does not know in w^t capacity my L^ds intend him. Their report of 25 8^br '94 is read. S^r W. Young saies in a former survey, made per M^r Culliford, good officers were putt out to place others less deserving. M^r Chadwick thinks ye power wilbe too great. Lord G. thinks a riding surv^r wilbe able to do more good then a Com^r of the Customes sent out. M^r Clerk saies he never knew any benefit by former survey[or]s. The Com^rs generally say they have not alterd their opinion in their former report.

" M^r Godolphin thinks he may be well imployed port Lon^do, particularly in prosecuting debts, &c., & in overseing the officers below staires, respecting frauds ab^t debenturs, & prosecuting the same, & he can propose many other things if he hath time to propose them. Mr. Chadwick saies, as to debts, the present prosecutor should be heard, if any failure as to debenturs M^r W^mson has made a proposõn, w^ch M^r Ch. thinks should be first heard.

" M^r Chanc^r, if there is any occasion in the revenue for an experienced officer the Com^rs should let my Lords kno it, my Lords having a good opinion of M^r Culliford.

" M^r Godolphin saies W^mson sold his place a year agoe, & now would have another for nothing, w^th 400^li a year.

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"My Lords recom^d it to the Com^rs to take care that the past frauds ab^t deb^rs be detected, & future frauds therein prevented."

(p. 358.) "5 Aug. 1696.—M^r Culliford to be the officer of y^e acc^ts of imports & exports, & my Lords will speak w^th y^e Com^rs of Customes ab^t him on Friday."

(p. 380.) "4 Sept. 1696.—M^r Culliford to make ye accot^s of imports & exports wth 500^li a year for himself & 200^li a year for 3 clerks, viz., 100^li a year to his chief clerk & 50^li apiece to ye other two." 1½ *pages.*

July 17. 86. Presentment of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, laying before them a complete establishment for the port of Milford for the better guard of that port and coast. Dated 17 July 1696.

Minuted :—"Approved."

Also the scheme of the establishment. 2 *pages.*

July 17. 87. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury respecting the collection of the duty on tobacco, viz., as to whether Sir John Shaw was chargeable with the collection of the impost duty thereon in the port of London. Dated 17 July 1696.

Accompanied by two other papers, one headed :—

"The case of the collector inward in the port of London."

The other *docquetted* :—

"Instruction to the officers in the port of London relating to y^e impost duty on tobacco."

The following is in the *Minute Book,* Vol. VI., p. 363, 11 Aug. 1696, in relation to Sir John Shaw :—

"S^r John Shaw (upon a presentm^t of the Com^rs concerning the rec^t of the imp^o on plantation goods) offers his case in writing, which is read ; proposing to compute ye same, but not to receive the money. My Lords agree that the receipt of the subsidy & impo. of plantation goods, be continued in Mr. Wolstenholme, and that S^r John Shaw take the charge of computing the same and keeping a due charge, as well of ye m^o as bonds upon ye rec^t, and that the other Patent officers do comptroll ye same as if rec^d per S^r Jn^o Shaw, and for their trouble a representation to be made to this Board." 5 *pages.*

July 18. 88. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Whitwood and others, concerning 339*l.* in milled money, shipped contrary to the law and seized by them ; recommending a moiety to be allowed them. Dated 18 July 1696.

Minuted :—"Granted."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

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July 18. 1. Presentment by the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of Robert Williamson, late a searcher in the port of London, for the purpose of preventing frauds in drawing back money by debenture. Dated 18th July 1696.

The memorial and three other papers relating thereto.

There is a minute on it, finishing:—"The Com^rs are then to offer any expedient for securing ye K. in the matter of deb^rs."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 362, 11 Aug. 1696, is the following:—

"Com^rs of Customs cal'd in with the patent officers & M^r Williamson; M^r Godolphin thinks it wilbe an unnecessary charge to sett up an office proposed per M^r W^mson, ab^t examining deb^rs. The business is ye same that is or should be done per M^r Cook. Ye established method is good already, but not well executed: he proposes the Com^r should compare the debentur w^th the entry in y^e book. S^r Nic. Crisp saies 12 persons are now entrusted in examining deb^rs & other matters about them, & multiplying officers may make confusion. M^r Nicholas p^rsents a paper of their present methods. S^r Nich^o saies never any mistake but was discovered before paym^t. Mr. Chadwick allows that: but saies, he would have an officer to see all be done fairely. Mr. Godolphin saies there has been frauds & gives an instance. M^r Clerk thinks the Com^rs may examine ye entrys in ye books, and to erect a new office, were to repose all in one man & there would be no more security then at present. M^r W^mson saies the occasion of his mem^ll was irregularitys by obteyning double setts of deb^rs. When he was an officer such things were attempted, and he finds such attempts are continued. He will not say m^o has been actually rec^d by fraud, but if he had not prevented, it had. He gives an instance, where the same clerk signed a 2^d sett. The Com^rs of the Customes are to consider of the best method that shall appear to them, to obviate frauds in the obteyning or paym^t of debenturs." 5 *pages.*

July 20. 2. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Treasurer, as to the works at Portsmouth and Plymouth, being at a stand if money were not speedily provided, enclosing copy of a letter of the surveyor. Dated 20 July 1696. 2 *pages.*

July 21. 3. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Del Rose, one of the collectors of excise for Hampshire and part of Wiltshire, as to his salary and allowances. Dated 21 July 1696.

Also the petition and a letter. 4 *pages.*

July 21. 4. Report of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Mary Clayton, widow, and William Clayton, one

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of her sons, who were bound for Andrew Clayton, another son, who was a defaulter in his accounts. Dated 21 July 1699.

Minuted:—"Respit the Execucon as to ye persons of ye petrs till the end of next Michaelmas Terme."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

July 21. 5. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Martha Kinch, widow, relict of Richard Kinch, of the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, distiller, deceased; recommending her as an object of commiseration, viz., in the remission of her husband's debt of 265*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* Dated 21 July 1696.

"*Minuted:*—"Agreed to."

Also the petition and a certificate. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

July 21. 6. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to the Treasurer, enclosing a letter received from Mr. Samuel Done, muster-master, at Liverpool, showing that His Majesty's officers there were at a stand for want of money, &c. Dated 21 July 1696. 2 *pages.*

[? About July 21.] 7. Petition of Mary, Anne, and Magdalene Rosse, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that on a former petition the King had given instructions that the Lords of the Treasury were to relieve them, and now the answer was, that their petition should be laid before the King on his return, which was an absolute distraction to them; praying for some money to keep them alive.

Minuted:—"Read 21 July 1696. Respited till the King's return." And *again:*—"Read 20 Ap. '98. To have 10li a year more a piece to make up 30li a year a piece for each." ½ *page.*

July 22. 8. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, as to the payment of the cripples having a claim on the chest at Chatham, enclosing a copy of a letter from the governors of the chest. Dated 22 July 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 27 July '96. As soon as the distribution shall be adjusted with the Lords of ye Adlty." 2 *pages.*

July 22. 9. Letter from Col. Russel [Governor of Barbadoes] to the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to the receivership of the casual revenue there, which he had first sought for himself and afterwards for Col. Salter, of whose merits he speaks highly. The ships that came before the fleet brought word that their Lordships had made the writer, receiver; but the fleet had brought a commission to Capt. Thomas formerly a captain in the regiment raised by Col. Salter. He was also controller of the Treasury there, and Col. Salter treasurer. The writer wished it had not been said that their Lordships had given it him, since their resolution was altered, and that people had not known of his endeavour in favour of Col. Salter. The less interest he had, and the less interest people believed he had, in England, the less could he serve the King in Barbadoes. He had delivered the commission to Capt. Thomas. Dated Barbadoes, 22 July 1696. 1 *page.*

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July 22. 10. Letter from several merchants at Norwich to the Lords of the Treasury, applying to have bank bills and bank notes taken in payment of their duty, as they were informed was then done in London. Dated 22 July 1696. With 13 signatures.

Minuted:—"Lect. 28 July '96. My Lords can give no direction." 1 *large page.*

July 23. 11. Order of Council for rewards promised by His Majesty's proclamations for seizing and apprehending several persons, for conspiring the death of the King. Dated 23 July 1696. 1½ *pages.*

July 23. 12. Order in Council for the preparation of a warrant, by the Lords of the Treasury, to pass a privy seal, empowering the officers of the Exchequer to receive loans, in clipped money, upon the credit of the Exchequer in general, allowing the lenders credit, according to the weight of such clipt moneys, at the rate of 5*s.* 8*d.* per ounce, &c. Dated 23 July 1696. 1 *sheet.*

July 23. 13. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, expressing the King's pleasure that the vacancy in the commission of the customs, by the death of Sir Patience Ward, should not be filled up. Dated at the camp at Attre, $\frac{23\text{ July}}{2\text{ Aug.}}$ 1696.

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 342, 10 July 1696, in relation to this matter:—

"To write to Mr Blathwait to represent to ye K. Sr P. Ward is dead this morning. That my Lords think it their duty to take notice that there was a supernumerary & his death reduces the Comon to 7, wch was the usuall number. That their Lops cannot but have heard His Maty is under some engagemt as to the next person that shall succeed there; but at ye same time they think themselves obliged to putt him in mind of Mr. Culliford, as a person that is very zealous for his service, & well qualified for ye imploymt." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 23. 14. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, touching a complaint againt Mr. Clinton of Barnstable for clearing a ship contrary to the embargo. Dated 23 July 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 30 July '96. My Lords are satisfied there is no fraud or corruption."

Also the answer of Mr. Clinton and copy of a bond. 3¼ *pages.*

July 24. 15. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Anthony Fauze, merchant, respecting certain "alamodes" seized as forfeited as there was a design to draw back more than was due; recommending the allowance of the drawback. Dated 24 July 1696.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition and copies of two affidavits. 4 *pages.*

July 24. 16. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir William Gore, Knt., as to the importa-

1696. tion from Holland of certain linens commonly called hinder lands, seized as of Russian manufacture. Dated 24 July 1696.

Minuted:—"Lect. 28 July '96. My Lords recommend it to the Com^rs to disch^a the seizure, upon giving satisfaction to the officer, and that they make ye officer easy in his dem^d."

Also the petition. 2¼ *pages.*

July 24. 17. Letter from Mr. Chas. Thomas, to William Lowndes, Esq., secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging the favour done him in getting his patent to be Receiver-General of the casual revenue in Barbadoes, stating that as yet nothing could be perfected, the fleet sailing so soon; further that they might have an order to keep the fees due to him and Mr. Hooper, Attorney-General, and that he had sent a few sweetmeats in His Majesty's ship, the "Bristol," and had designed to send him all sorts of sauces of that country, but the fleet sailed so soon, he would, however, send them by the next. Dated at Barbadoes, 24 July 1696.

Minuted:—"To M^r Attorney that my Lords did not intend any prejudice in their legal fees." 2½ *pages.*

July 25. 18. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Treasurer of the Navy, *docquetted:*—"From y^e navy w^th an estimate of y^e cha., of buying & fitting the "Foudroyant" prize, for a 5^th rate man-of-war." Dated 25 July 1696.

Also the estimate. 2 *pages.*

July 25. 19. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Rabsy Smithsby to the King, who sought for a reversion of the manors of Barton, Barrow, Gouxhill, and Hogsthorpe in Lincolnshire, for 99 years, after the determination of the Queen Dowager's interest therein, as a satisfaction of a debt arising from an arrear of a pension of 1,000*l.* a year, granted to her father (his then Majesty's ancient servant) in 1637, which pension was unpaid for 12 years: explaining that the value of the grant sought would be 4,977*l.* 6*s.* 0½*d.* Dated 25 July 1696.

Minuted:—"To be laid before the King, 16 Ap. '97."

Accompanied by the petition. 4 *pages.*

July 27. 20. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning the warrant signed by the King, for allowing 100,000*l.* to the Earl of Ranelagh, for the tallies and orders he had delivered to the President de la Tour, and further expressing the King's pleasure that a lease be passed to Major Walter Delamar of the lands he held in custodiam for 21 years, and that the debt of 719*l.* owing to him from the King, should be accepted as a fine. Dated camp at Attre, 6 Aug. 1696, N.S.

Minuted:—"Lect. 7 Aug. '96. The lease to Delamar to pass accordingly." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

July 27. 21. Letter of Mr. Wm. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, stating that the King had intended to exclude Simon Luttrell or any of his heirs from the grant to Col. Henry Luttrell, but as it was represented

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that the limitation would render it ineffectual, the King was willing that the grant should pass with a clause that the estate should in no manner return to Simon Luttrell by gift or otherwise, or to his heirs. Dated camp at Attre, 6 Aug. 1696, N.S.

Minuted:—"7 Aug. '96. To be done according to ye King's pleasure." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About July 28.] 22. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of allowing the deputed officers of the customs the taxes assessed upon their salaries not exceeding 60*l.* *per annum.*

Minuted:—"Lect. 28 July '96. Granted." 1 *page.*

July 28. 23. Letter of the Com^rs^ of Customs in Dublin, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the commission for forfeitures was superseded, and a new commission to re-annex the accounts of forfeitures, to the Com^rs^ of the Revenue: that though the war was ended in March 1691–2 no inquiry had been held of persons forfeiting by rebellion in the counties and places therein specified; setting out the reasons why inquiry should take place immediately, and that the Government, with the consent of the Privy Council had ordered Com^rs^ (*sic*) to be prepared, and proclamation to be made, giving one-fourth to the discoverer, as formerly; and further that Mr. Carlton, one of their board, and others were gone with the judge this assizes, they hope to the King's advantage. Dated 28 July 1696. 2 *pages.*

July 29. 24. Letter from the High Sheriff of York, the Grand Jury, Deputy Lieutenants and others, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they were sensible of their Lordships' favour in transmitting 3,000*l.* in moneys and ingots to set the Mint at work there, and suggesting that a recompense of 6*d.* per ounce should be paid to persons bringing in their plate and clipt moneys, to remedy the difficulty the country was labouring under. Dated 29 July 1696.

Signed by 43 persons. 1 *page.*

July 30. 25. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning a warrant signed by the King, for confirming to Mrs. Macdonnel her separate maintenance of three hundred pounds a year. Dated at the camp at Attre, 9 Aug. '96, N.S. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 1. 26. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the duty upon coals exported beyond sea, on the collection of which duty the Attorney and Solicitor General were at variance. Dated 1 Aug. 1696.

Minuted:—"The officer of the Customs to take y^e^ dutyes according to y^e^ Act of 6 & 7 W. 3^tii^, untill y^e^ expiracion of y^e^ 5 yeares; and the overplus of the m^o^ deposited to be restored," &c.

Also the opinions of the Attorney and Solicitor General, and of four others thereon. 7 *pages and* 2 *quarters.*

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Aug. 1. 27. Copy of report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the registering of seamen. Dated 1 Aug. 1696. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 1. 28. A report of R. Cotton and Tho. Frankland, [Post-masters-] General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the complaint of Mr. James Vickers, manager of the packet boats employed in carrying the mails between England and Ireland, who represented that he was a great sufferer by the yachts which were ordered to attend the King's service between Dublin, Holyhead, and Chester, which conveyed passengers who used to be carried in the packet boats; advising that if the petitioner had not some relief, he would expect an additional allowance. Dated 1 Aug. 1696.

Minuted:—" To desire L^ds of Ad^lty to give the like injunction to all the capt^ns of y^e yachts as His Ma^ty gave Capt. Wright."

Accompanied by the petition; also copies of instructions issued to commanders of yachts on that subject in 1687 and 1688. 2 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

Aug. 4. 29. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, communicating the King's order for 4,000*l.* to be issued in tallies (out of the 35,000*l.* allotted for the extraordinary charge of the war), to the order of Mr. Lamb, in like manner as the 16,000*l.* was lately paid to him, the officers of the hospitals having had no moneys since the two months' advance to them in England. Dated at the Camp at Attre, 14 Aug. 1696, N.S.

Another letter, returning five warrants, viz.:—

1. For a 1,000^li to Mr. Popple, &c.
2. Mr. Owen, gr^t of some old bonds.
3. Mr. Keppell, 2,000^li for y^e robes.
4. Mr. Shales, compt^r, farthings.
5. Surcharges in plantation acco^ts to be taken off.

The following minute in relation to the above letter is entered in the *Minute Book,* Vol. VI., p. 367, 14 Aug. 1696:—" 4,000^li of the tallys in the E. of Ranelagh's hands to be d[elivere]d to Mr. Lamb, or his ass^s, upon acc^t for the hospitalls in Flanders." 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

[About Aug. 4.] 30. Petition of John Bland to be admitted into the new settlement in His Majesty's Customs in room of Ralph Blackshaw, deceased.

Minuted:—" Read 4 Aug. '96. The pet^r to have this place if voyd; otherwise to have y^e first that falls." ½ *page.*

Aug. 5. 31. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to fraudulent practices in the exportation of coals from Newcastle; recommending the exchange or removal of the officers. Dated 5 Aug. 1696.

Minuted:—" Agreed."

Also the memorial of Mr. Houseman on the same subject. 4 *pages.*

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Aug. 7. 32. Letter from Tho. Neale to the Lords [of the Treasury], praying them to direct the issue of some money to the several mints. Four of them had 200*l.* each, and Chester 100*l.* only; and each wanted 100*l.* more to set them to work. Dated Mint, 7 Aug. 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 369, 18 Aug. 1696, is the following:—" 500li to Mr. Neale for ye country mints, out of any dispo mo, other then loans on low wines." 1 *page.*

Aug. 10. 33. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, stating that he had read to the King the letter about the Duchess of Cleveland's pension out of the revenue of the Post Office and other pensions, of which the King took a note at his departure from England, in order to return it with his marks for the guidance of the Lords of the Treasury, but the King, not hearing from the Treasury of any disposable sums, had not given any directions, but would immediately on receiving an account from their Lordships; further, in former years 1,000*l.* a week was assigned for contingencies to his (Mr. Blathwayt's) office, but then there was no such sum, so that he had been obliged to disburse several sums out of his own credit, and on leaving the field other considerable sums would come on him to be paid; sending an estimate that their Lordships might remit the sums to Mr. Hill, &c. Dated Camp at Attre, the $\frac{1}{2}\frac{0}{0}$ of Aug. 1696.

Minuted:—" 21 Aug. '96. My Lords remitt for ye army, and the K. judges of the uses when it comes. The K. observes very right, there is no mo for ye Civil Govt, but write an acco^t of ye tallys struck & wt remains to be struck." 2½ *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 11. 34. Report of the Comrs of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Andrew Young, who claimed that he had bought the ship, "The Golden Boar," of Dantzic for 600*l.*, and prayed the Comrs should make good the bargain. Their report is, that Mr. Thomson previously bought the ship, and that Andrew Young had tricked them, they being personally unacquainted with either of them. Dated 11 Aug. 1696.

Minuted:—" Read 21 Aug. '96. My Lords are satisfied in this report."

The petition and a copy of Young's contract. 3 *pages.*

Aug. 12. 35. Report of the Comrs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Francis Johnson, collector of excise in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, who, in conveying the King's money from Biggleswade to Hoddesdon (in order to pay it into the Excise Office in London) was robbed of 776*l.*, on which there was action against the hundred of Broadwater, which resulted in the matter being referred to Chief Justice Treby, who awarded 520*l.* The report recommends the allowance of the residue, 169*l.*, for costs, and 15*l.* for a horse killed by the highwaymen. Dated 12 Aug. 1696.

Minuted:—" To be allowed by way of incidents."

Also the petition and an affidavit. 3½ *pages.*

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Aug. 13. 36. Report of the Com^rs for sick and wounded seamen, &c., to the Lords of the Treasury, on the letter and accounts from Mr. Thomas Chamberlain and Company, merchants at Messina, for moneys disbursed by them on account of the "Content" and "Trydent" prizes.

Also six other papers relating thereto. One is headed "Acc^t of sundry charges made in Giorgenti & here, in receiving & maintaining and shipping off for Leg^o & Genova 176 French soldiers & mariners left at Giorgenti out of y^e French [ship] y^e 'Trydent' taken by our men-of-warre, & 169 of them came overland from Giorgenti here where [they] were shipt, & y^e others were shipt off at Giorgenti." Dated 13 Aug. 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 19 Aug. '96." 9 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 37. Letter signed "E. Burt," addressed to Mr. Lownds, enclosing the directions of the Commissioners for registering seamen, which the Com^rs of Customs had given permission to be acted on by the collectors of the outports in collecting the 6*d. per mensem* out of merchant seamen's wages for the increase and encouragement of seamen; and further stating that Mr. William Bathurst would attend to that duty in the port of London. Dated 14 August 1696.

Accompanied by a proposal of the Com^rs of the registering, that the Lords of the Admiralty would *move* the Lords Justices to *direct* the Lords of the Treasury to *order* the custom house officers not to permit vessels to be cleared without giving bond for payment of the 6*d.* per month. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 14. 38. Representation of Benj. Overton, Esq., late Warden of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the right to certain clippings seized by Sir William Ashurst and Sir Richard Levett, Sheriffs of London in 1692, under pretence of an ancient grant from the Crown, against which Sheriffs the said Warden, by Mr. Macy, his clerk, had proceeded. Mr. Macy's expenses were unpaid and the matter still unsettled, whereby the bailiffs of Westminster and Southwark and the Lady Russell's steward were encouraged to appropriate similar clippings, &c.; recommending Mr. Macy to their Lordships for compensation for the hazards he had gone through and the wounds he had received in apprehending clippers and coiners. Dated 14 Aug. 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 357, 4 Aug. 1696, is the following:—

"S^r W^m Ashurst & S^r Rich^d Levet for clippings produced in evidence at the Old Baily, when they were Sheriffs. S^r W^m saies they do not insist upon right; they wilbe thankfull to take them in my Lords' owne way. My Lords will report to ye Counsell that the King's right should be putt out of dispute, but that their services do deserve a consideration at least equall to the value of these clippings & clipt money. They may pay the value into ye Exchequ^r by a tally

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to be levyd in satisfaction of a warr^{t} giving them so much for their good services."

At p. 370, 18 Aug. 1696 :—

"My Lords direct Mr. Macy under the warden of ye Mint, to prosecute the recovery of ye clippings and other effects of ye clippers and counterfeiters of ye coyne, and that money be supplyed at present to ye Warden for that purpose; & when enough is recovered the charge to be borne out of the same, and what shalbe rec^{d} to be p^{d} to y^{e} hands of M^{r} Newton; to be accountable as in his pr. seal for this purpose."

Again, at p. 373, 25 Aug. 1696 :—

"M^{r} Macy & M^{r} Knipe with the Warden of the Mint come in concerning the clippings, &c., seized in Westminster. M^{r} Knipe saies the bailiffs of Westm^{r} have alwaies claymed these. He will acq^{t} the Dean & Chapter that my Lords insist on these as y^{e} King's right."

And further, at p. 377, 1 Sept. 1696 :—

"S^{r} W^{m} Ashurst and S^{r} Ri. Levett. My Lords tell them the cause ab^{t} ye clipt m^{o} in their custody, must proceed to judgm^{t} to ascertaine y^{e} King's title; but it is not intended they shalbe at charge, and that they shall have as much money paid them. At length my Lords agreed that the value be p^{d} in, and they are to be reimbursed." 1 *page.*

June 11 and Aug. 15. 39. Reports by the Attorney General and the Surveyor General, on the petition of Mr. Percival Brunskel, who, in the endeavour to detect and reform abuses in several offices at Westminster had brought on himself many debts as well as enemies, and then desired certain parcels of land left dry by the sea in or near the parishes of Lancing, Tarring, Feering, and Broadwater in the county of Sussex: advising that a commission should be issued from the Petty Bag or Exchequer to enquire of the King's title thereto, and when returned a lease of the land might be granted if thought fit. Dated 11 June and 15 Aug. '96.

Minuted:—"Read 22 7br. '96. A com[missi]on to be issued."

Accompanied by the petition, a portion of which has been torn away, and two affidavits.

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 57, 12 Jan. 1696–7, apparently, on the subject of this land :—

"M^{r} Poltney saies in execution of ye Com^{on} for derelict lands they proceeded fairly. There was evidence sufficient, not only to find y^{e} King's title but to recover it at common law, but they have more evidence, and some of the jury knew it, as to ye whole 2,100 acres, of w^{ch} 500 acr. are inclosed & 1,600 acr. not possessed, no body clayming them, w^{ch} latter are now desired to be granted to my Lord Cornbury."

In the same *Minute Book,* pp. 230–234, 28 July 1697, is a full account of the enquiry in respect of the inquest on this derelict land, Mr. Northey being counsel for Mr. Brunskel, and Sir Tho. Powys for Sir Wm. Goring, in which it would appear the jurors were (at least some of them) drunk, when the inquest was taken. The orders were in Latin, which they did not understand.

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Amongst the assertions made is the following:—

"Mr Northey saies it is not derelict land, unless ye sea flows & reflows every tide."

Also the following:—

"Mr Web saies they have an old map of it, made in 1622.

"Johnson saies the sea is 3 miles off.

"Mr Pool saies it is sworded with grass, and sheep feeding on it.

"It has been overflown in some spring tides.

"John Barker saies he has kept sheep there 7 or 8 & 40 years ago for ye tenants of Goring; it has a sort of weed called scurvy grass, & he has kept sheep there at spring tides in ye sũmer. At eb tides it was not overflowne. He kept 500 sheep there 48 years agoe. The water comes from the havens mo[uth] abt 3 miles," &c.

Also at p. 243, 10 Aug. 1697:—

"My Lords resolve not to procure any grant to Mr. Brunskel of the derelict land in Sussex, and that ye inquisition be quash'd, and that direction be given to Mr. Attor. accordingly." 3 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

Aug. 17. 40. Letter from Robert Yates to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had received their Lordships' order to receive from the Mint at Bristol the produce of one thousand weight of silver as fast as it could be coined, and to exchange the old clipt money lately current at the rate of 5*s.* 2*d.* per ounce and 6*d.* recompence, and to pay 5*s.* 2*d.* per ounce and 6*d.* recompence for such plate as should be brought in, pursuant to the Act, and to deliver the clipt money into the Mint to be re-coined, &c. The Mayor and Aldermen directed him to return their thanks for the care taken of the city, and had ordered an account of it to be printed that the counties adjacent might know of it. Dated 17 Aug. 1696.

Accompanied by the printed notice. 2 *pages.*

Aug. 17. 41. A letter of Sir Jo. Elwill, from Exeter, to the Lords of the Treasury, precisely similar to the last. A thousand weight of silver had, in like manner, been sent thither. Dated 17 Aug. 1696. 1 *page.*

Aug. 17. 42. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the following petition, in order to have it laid before the King. Dated 17 Aug. 1696.

The petition of Thomas Rymer to the Lords Justices, stating that it was three years since the petitioner was employed to see transcribed and published the ancient leagues and public acts between the Crown of England and foreign princes, from the originals, then in a great measure putrified and hardly legible; that the charge of carrying on the work amounted to upwards of 200*l.* *per ann.*, and he had not received 200*l.* in the three years; praying that the bond entered into by Mr. Grahme to pay the King 2,364*l.* 9*s.* might be assigned to him.

Minuted:—"Read 15 7br '96. To Mr Henry Baber [? Baker] to informe himselfe from Mr Aaron Smith where the bond is, & that the debt be prosecuted." 2 *pages.*

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Aug. 17. 43. Letter of Edward Thompson to the Lords of the Treasury, assuring them he would strictly pursue such authority as he should receive from Mr. Hall. He hoped the encouragement of 5*s.* 8*d.* an ounce for clipped money and plate would bring a plentiful supply. Dated York, 17 Aug. '96. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[About Aug. 18.] 44. A paper, *docquetted* :—"The breviat of the proceedings against Sir Will^m^ Ashurst & Sir Rich^d^ Levett [late Sheriffs of London & Middlesex] for the clippings, &c."
Respecting money and other forfeitures in the hands of the sheriffs.
Minuted :—"Read 18 Aug. '96. See ye *Min. Book*." [See 14 Aug. Vol. XXXIX., No. 38.] 1 *page*.

[About Aug. 18.] 45. Petition of the Mayor and commonalty and other inhabitants of the borough of Plymouth to the Lords of the Treasury for subsistence for nine companies of soldiers billeted there. Numerous signatures.
Minuted :—"Read 18 Aug. '96. To speak to my L^d^ Ranela to morr. morn." 1 *page, brief size*.

[? About] Aug. 18. 46. Petition to Henry Allen, one of the Queen's messengers, for a reward for seizing a coining mill at the house of Thomas Nowell, gent. at Dover, in Kent.
Certificate signed "Romney" as to the seizure. Dated 18 Aug. 1696. *Parts of* 2 *pages*.

Aug. 19. 47. Presentment by the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the state of the duty arising on the tonnage of ships and vessels from 1 June 1695 to 17 May following. Dated 19 Aug. 1696.
Also a paper containing "totals of the tonnage accounts in the outports," showing the amount from foreign ports and from coasters.
Minuted :—"Read 10 9^br^ '96. M^r^ Knight will bring an acco^t^ of ye arrears in a day or two." 3 *pages*.

Aug. 21. 48. Memorial of the Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had delivered at Amsterdam to Col. Gore 6,000 barrels of powder, the cost of which was upwards of 20,000*l.*; they could only dispose of 1,000*l.* of the tallies (part of the 10,000*l.* lodged in their hands) at 10 per cent. loss, so they had received but 900*l.* for the cost of the powder; praying to be supplied with the money, as their affairs had suffered very much for the want thereof, and proposing to accept Exchequer bills. Signed "Ro. Blackborne, sec." Dated 21 August 1696.
Minuted :—"Read 25 Aug. '96."
In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 18, 12 Oct. 1696, is the following :—"Gov^r^ & others of the East India Comp^a^; they are to have a list of ye ordnance tallys, out of w^ch^ their ^mo^ for the powder in Holl^d^." 1 *page*.

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Aug. 21. 49. Petition, &c., *docquetted thus*:—"Petition of Sr Lambt Blackwell, with copy of Her late Majesty's warrant, and state of his case; relating to reprisalls wch ought to be passed to him in Ireland."

Also the copy of the warrant, the state of the case and copy of another letter of the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the same. Dated 21 Aug. 1696.

The lands taken from him were the towns and lands of Castletown and Kilmacredock, within the barony of Salt and county of Kildare in Ireland, which were delivered to the late Lord Dungan, since Earl of Limerick.

Minuted:—"7 May 1707. Ref. to ye Ld Lt of Irelde." 7½ *pages.*

Aug. 21. 50. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt. to the Lords of the Treasury, signifying the King's pleasure that their Lordships forthwith adjust with the Royal Bank the accounts of the loss sustained by remittances, in the last year to Flanders, and that they satisfy their demands, he being sensible of the service done to himself and the nation Dated at Dieren, 21–31 Aug. 1696. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 21. 51. Presentment of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning the trade from St. Sebastian in wines and other goods coming from thence, suspected to be French; and respecting the mission of Mr. Manley and Mr. Cook, who were charged to execute a commission to examine witnesses respecting wine imported from thence, and other matters. Dated 21 Aug. 1696.

Also divers other papers connected therewith.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 20, is the following:—"Comrs of Customes called in. Lords tell them there are severall of their presentmts and reports to be read, and ask them wch they thinke most necry to be dispatcht. Sr Robt Clayton says, that concerning the St Sebastian wines, Mr. Chadwick thinkes it may be necry that Mr Manley & the other persons that went thither upon the examinacon of that affaire should be present when that report is read." 18 *pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 22. 52. Letter from Edw. Thompson to the Lords of the Treasury, informing them of the arrival of the bullion designed for the Mint at York. Several considerable sums were brought in to be recoined as well as plate, when the officers could receive it. They had not directions yet from Mr. Hall. 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* in money and plate were lodged, but he dared not take it in. Dated York, 22 Aug. '96. 1 *page.*

July 22 and Aug. 24. 53. Letter of the Comrs of the Navy to the Treasurer of the Navy, sending a copy of a letter lately received from Capt. Allen, the King's storekeeper, and muster-master at Cadiz, desiring him to use his best endeavours to procure a general credit from some merchants at Cadiz for supplying him with money. Dated 22 July 1696.

Another letter on the same subject, dated 24 Aug. 1696. 3 *pages.*

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Aug. 24. 54. Letter of Israel Hayes to Mr. Lown[d]es, Secretary of the Treasury, giving an account of the state of the mint at Exeter, where he arrived on Friday evening with Mr. Morris, the carrier, who brought the King's ingots. They could not proceed to melt till more materials were sent. The country and city were very impatient till they begun. The bringing in of silver would exceed expectations. He did not know the terms to be allowed, though it seemed proper to his place, and he had no particular instructions, but some *there* said it was referred to Sir John Elwill. Dated 24 Aug. 1696. 1 *page.*

[About Aug. 25.] 55. Petition of Thomas Foorth to the Lords of the Treasury, for the grant of some place of profit to him, he having made some proposals for raising money, which produced 500,000*l.* *per ann.* Also for leave to make some other proposals.

Minuted:—"Read 25 Aug. '96. Mr L. to receive & consider his propos[ll]." 1 *page.*

Aug. 25. 56. Letter from the Com[rs] for registering seamen to Wm. Lowndes, Esq., stating that the time for coming of the fleets drew nigh, and they could not put in execution the Act for the increase and encouragement of seamen till the Lords of the Treasury gave some directions touching the instructions to collectors of customs, and begging him to move their Lordships therein. Dated 25 Aug. 1696. 1 *page.*

Aug. 25. 57. A representation by Geo. Macy to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the claims set up by the bailiffs of Westminster (by virtue of a grant) to clippings, melted silver, &c. Mr. Knipe, the present bailiff, had on all occasions seized clippings, melted silver, &c., of considerable value, particularly of Humphrey Middleton, executed for clipping, and things of greater value belonging to the "tripeman," executed for the same; stating that if process had gone forward there would long since have been an issue to most of these pretended grants. Dated 25 Aug. '96.

In the *Minute Book* it states that Mr. Knipe, who was present, undertook to acquaint the Dean and Chapter that my Lords insisted on these as the King's right. See *Minute Book,* Vol. VI., p. 373, 25 Aug. 1696.

[See also Vol. XXXIX., No. 38, 14 August, where the Minute is printed.] 1 *page.*

Aug. 29. 58. Letter from Mr. Thos. Blofeld to the Lords of the Treasury, acknowledging the honour done him in appointing him to give out the new money and take in the old at the city of Norwich, but declining to undertake the duty, as it would require constant attendance, and if Parliament met again he should be obliged to give his attendance, but recommending his kinsman, Mr. Leonard Blofeld (who had received the King's aids for Norfolk), for the employment, and, if he were not approved, naming several of the aldermen who would be suitable. Dated Norwich, 25 Aug. 1696. 1 *page.*

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Aug. 25. 59. Letter of Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, as to difficulties in the Exchequer respecting the tallies ordered to be struck for the use of the Earl of Portland, to make good the late bounty intended for his Lordship; signifying the King's pleasure that tallies be struck in the same manner upon the head of secret service. Dated at Loo, 4 Sept. 1696, N.S., *i.e.*, 25 Aug. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Aug. 25. 60. Letter of Mr. Blathwayt to the Lords of the Treasury, about the money paid in on account of the land tax, more than had been actually received from the people, and as to a respite of payments until there was a greater quantity of new money coined; expressing the King's wish that they should confer with the Lords Justices, and receive their orders thereon. Dated Loo, 4 Sept. (N.S.) 1696, *i.e.* 25 Aug. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 12 and 27. 61. (1.) Extract of a letter from the Com^rs^ of the Navy as to a stop put by Lord "Bellamount" to the fetching away timber provided for the Navy in the forfeited woods, formerly belonging to Sir Valentine Browne, near Bantry. Dated 27 Aug. 1696.

(2.) Copy of a letter from Mr. Nash, Clerk of the Cheque at Kinsale, as to a contract for squaring and delivery of the timber, for which, to avoid delay, Mr. Nash thought it advisable to pay 100*l.* Dated 12 Aug. '96. 1½ *pages.*

Aug. 27. 62. Letter from the Com^rs^ of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, praying him to acquaint their Lordships that Capt. Greenhill, commissioner at Portsmouth, had received from Capt. Symcock, commander of the "Berwick," the presents intended for the government of Algiers and Tripoli, according to an order from their Lordships in May previous. Dated 27 Aug. '96.

Also a letter from Mr. James Vernon to Mr. Lowndes, as to the removal of the Barbary presents from the said ship. Dated 24 Aug. '96.

Also a letter of the Com^rs^ of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that they had written to Capt. Greenhill, the commissioner at Portsmouth, to send to the commander of the King's ship the "Berwick," for the four bales and the black box which he was to have carried to Sir Geo. Rook, for the government of Algiers and Tripoli, and to keep them till further order. Dated 26 May '96.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 180, 3 June 1697, is the following minute:—"To the Com^rs^ of the Navy to write to Com^r^ Greenhill, at Portsm^o^, to deliver the presents there (w^ch^ were designed for ye deys of Algier & Tripoli) to be d[elivere]d to such as ye Ma^r^ of ye Great Wardr. shall appoint." 3 *pages.*

Aug. 28. 63. Report of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. John Barbot, viz., as to the freight and interest due for 19 ships hired in 1693. Dated 28 Aug. 1696.

The petition and an account of the money due. 6½ *pages.*

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Aug. 31. 64. Letter from Edw. Thompson, one of the Aldermen of York, to the Lords [of the Treasury], stating that he had taken in and paid to the master worker 11,083*l.* 18*s.* in old clipt money, containing 2,258*l.* 2 ozs. 10 dwt., and about 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.* worth of plate. He had desired the people to forbear to bring it in, being unwilling to be further credited. There would be great quantities brought in from all parts so long as the "recompence" was continued. Dated 31 Aug. 1696. *Parts of* 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Aug. 31. 65. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Don Diego James Cupelac, Secretary to the Spanish Ambassador, concerning certain wines imported from St. Sebastian's, about which there was a dispute as to whether they were of Spanish or French growth. Dated 31 Aug. 1696.

Minuted:—"To be discharged."

The petition and three other papers on the same subject. 17 *pages or parts of pages.*

Aug. 31. 66. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of divers Turkey merchants concerned in the lading of the ship "Upton Gally," viz., to be discharged of a duty of 1 *per cent.* charged under the Act 14 Car. II., upon goods imported from the Straits in ships of less burthen and force than are therein described. Dated 31 Aug. 1696.

Minuted:—"The 1 *per cent.* to be discharged."

The petition and a certificate. $2\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*

Aug. 31. 67. "An account of what money is oweing by Philip Bickerstaffe, Esq., to His Ma^tie for duty on salt this 31^th day of August 1696."

The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 380, 4 Sept. 1696:—

"M^r L. to write to M^r Barrard & M^r Bickerstaffe that the Com̃^rs of Excise have acq^ted my Lords w^th their arrears for the salt duty, and to quicken them in paym^t of what they owe." 1 *page.*

[About Aug.] 68. Petition of the four chief clerks under the secretary in the Treasury, urging that as their Lordships had remitted the taxes of the clerks of the Navy, Excise, and others, whose salaries did not exceed 100*l.* *per ann.*, so the favour should be extended to them, as they had no salaries, and the profits of their places had become much less, though their attendance was greater.

Minuted:—"Read, Aug^st 1696. Granted, 25 Jan^y 1703, order'd." *Part of a page* (*quarto*).

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Sept. 1. 1. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the petition of the innkeepers of St. Alban's, addressed to the Lords Justices, seeking to be reimbursed what they formerly advanced towards the subsistence of the Dutch troop, under the command of Capt. Quaat, which was quartered there, for their Lordships to give directions thereon. Dated 1 Sept. 1696.
Also the petition. 1 *large and* 1 *small page.*

Aug. 19. and Sept. 1. 2. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Ward, master of the ship "Yarmouth," as to French goods forfeited: in favour of relief. Dated 19 Aug. 1696.
Minuted twice. The second minute is:—"Read, 6 October '96. A warr^t according to ye reports."
Also the petition and six other papers, and a report from the Prize Office relating thereto. Dated 1 Sept. 1696 11 *pages or parts of pages.*

Sept. 2. 3. Letter of Mr. James Vernon to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a petition of several troopers who formerly served in Ireland under the late Brigadier Villiers, viz.. for their arrears of pay. Dated 2 Sept. 1696.
The petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 2. 4. Report of the Com^rs of Customs at Dublin, on the petition of Ann Deyos, widow and relict of Captain George Deyos, deceased, quoting a previous report made by them on the same case: advising the extension of the King's favour in regard to the 253*l.* 15*s.* 5¼*d.* due on the bonds mentioned, but that the 31*l.* 0*s.* 0½*d.* cash in hand, should be paid to the Treasury. Dated 2 Sept. 1696. 1 *page.*

Sept. 3. 5. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the report of the Attorney-General for Ireland, on the petition of Mr. William Palmer to the Lords Justices of England, for a grant of an estate [in and about Athlone,] and in Roscommon and Westmeath, in Ireland, then in the possession of Mr. Silvester Devenish, in consideration of the money the petitioner had lent on it, and the discovery he was able to make of the King's title thereto, together with the report, formerly made in this case by Sir Richard Levinge, Knt., when Solicitor-General: recommending the grant of the estate. Dated 3 Sept. 1696.
Minuted:—"16 Ap. '96 [?'97.] If he makes out his discovery, the K. will give him the 4^th part by y^e proclamacon besides ye benefit of his owne mortgage, if he has a right in any such."
The first-named report, two petitions, and five other papers, all relating to the same matter.
For the second report. *See* Vol. XXVI., No. 21. 11 *pages or parts of pages.*

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Sept. 3. 6. Memorial of Mr. Tho. Neale, Master of the Mint, to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the country mints were all finished, but there was more than 100*l.* each owing for most of them; begging that 100*l.* each might be issued, and 100*l.* more in a short time for petty expenses; also applying for Bennett's house to be given up from the Office of Ordnance to the porter of the Mint. Dated 3 Sept. 1696. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 4. 7. Representation of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the refusal of the justices of the peace to give judgments against the brewers and victuallers who had not paid their duties. Dated 4 Sept. 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 380, 4 Sept. 1696, is:—

"Com^rs of Excise. They offer a presentm^t concerning arears in the countrey. My Lords direct them to prepare the draught of such a letter [as] they would have to the justices of peace, concerning the levying of the duty." 1 *page.*

Sept. 4. 8. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing four warrants signed by the King. Dated Loo, $\frac{4}{14}$ Sept. 1696.

They were in favour of:—

1. Bridget Ellingsworth.
2. Brigadier Wolseley.
3. Capt. Richards.
4. Colonel Hallet. *A few lines.*

Sept. 4. 9. Letter of Francis Gardiner to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that, until he received instructions from Mr. Hall, he was unable to judge of his capacity to manage the affair trusted to him. The 5 c. pound troy weight of bullion was waited for with the greatest impatience. The Mint would have been at work before, if it had come. Dated Norwich, 4 Sept. 1696.

Minuted:—"Read, 8, 7br. '96."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 382, on 8 Sept. 1696, is:—

"Officers of the Mint cal'd in. My Lords exhort the provost to use all despatch in the business of ye countrey mints." $\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*

Sept. 7. 10. Copy of a letter from Wm. Mathews to Mr. Secretary Trumbull, acquainting him with the progress he had made at Exeter, in relation to the Exchequer Bank, in which he had engaged himself with Joseph Tily, by the approbation of the Treasury. He had broke the neck of the Exchange there, which had been 6, 8, and sometimes 10 *per cent.* The people ardently craved exchequer bills for their commerce. The excisemen thought there could never be enough sent down. The tuckers [*i.e.*, fullers of cloth] and traders coveted them for a medium of commerce. The weavers and combers, to whom the tuckers and traders paid them for their serges, brought them to him, and he paid them in specie on demand, exchange free. He begged that his honour would insert in the Gazette these words; viz:—

"The Exchequer Bank at Exeter do give notice that they will negociate bills of exchange gratis, as well foreign as domestick, from

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Exeter to London, and from London to Exeter, & also from Taunton & Tiverton to London, & the counties of Devon, Somerset, & Cornwall, for any merchants, traders, & others ; and when their money is received upon such bills the said bank will pay them to content in London, or at the bank of Exeter on demand."

The several premiums for negotiating bills between Exeter and London amounted to several thousands *per ann.*, which would be all saved by this bank.

He wished he could see the proclamation concerning these "chequer bills," about which he wrote to Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer last week. He dared not dictate and say that it was absolutely necessary, considering the miseries of the nation, the dismal prospect for the winter, and the "Plonges" we were in, but he feared a disturbance unless this, or some such expedient, were put in force. Dated Exeter, 7 Sept. 1696.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 137, 3 May 1697, is :—

"M^r^ Mathews will advance ready money on ye exchequer bills & circulate them in those parts for one per cent., whereunto their Lo^ps^ agree." 2½ *pages.*

Sept. 7. 11. Letter of the Com^rs^ of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, stating that they found that there was still in the Treasurer's hands 14,580*l.* 10*s.* in moneys and tallies ; desiring to know how much should be paid to each colonel of the marine regiments. Dated 7 Sept. 1696.

Accompanied by :—"An account of mony & tallies & orders received by the Treasurer of His Mats. [Majesty's] navy, between the 28th Dec^r^ '95 & the 8th February following, for payment of the two marine regim^ts^ officers." Also,

"The state of the acco^ts^ of the 2 marine regim^ts^ sign'd by the Marquis of Carmarthen."

Minuted :—"Read 8 7^br^ '96. Show this to L^d^ Berkley ab^t^ ye mo in the Treasurer of the Navy's hands for ye marine officers." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 9. 12. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Simon Battersby of Kirkby Lonsdale, in the county of Westmoreland, and of Richard Tatham of Causfield, and Edward Yates of Leck, in the county of Lancaster, yeomen, who had been about to proceed to the Isle of Man from Whitehaven to buy cattle, having informed the Collector of Customs there that they had 250*l.* with them for that purpose, who encouraged them therein, and when on board the boat seized the money ; not objecting to a *nolle prosequi.* Dated 9 Sept. 1696.

Minuted :—"Read 16 Oct. 1696. W^t^ for a *noli prosequi*, and the Com^rs^ of the Customes to be spoke to, at their next attendance, about M^r^ Huddleston, coll^r^ at Whitehaven."

Also the petition and two affidavits. 5 *pages.*

Sept. 9. 13. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Robert Harrison and others, merchants of London,

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as to the forfeiture of goods imported in a vessel worked by foreigners. Dated 9 Sept. 1696.

Also the petition and a certificate.

Minuted :—"Read 11 7^{br} '96. Disch^{a}, the K. part giving satisfaction to y^{e} officer." 3 *pages.*

Sept. 10. 14. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memoral from the resident of the King of Denmark, concerning the duties demanded by the officers of the Customs, for the salt imported in the ship "Old Crown'd Hope." Dated 10 Sept. 1696.

Also an order in Council and two letters.

Minuted :—"Read 4th May 1697." 4 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 11. 15. Report of the Com^{rs} of the Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Culliford and Anthony Evernden, gent^{n}, as to the payment for canvas manufactured by them. The Com^{rs} state their belief that the tallies assigned on the 4*s.* aid for the service of the navy would not be discounted under 25 or 30^{li} *per cent.* Dated 11 Sept. '96.

Minuted :—"Read 15 7br '96. To be cons^{d} when the Streights squadron is gone."

1,000*l.* was to be imprested to them and afterwards 500*l.* to be paid them. See *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., pp. 26 & 94.

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Sept. 14. 16. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, stating that the King concurs with their Lordships' opinion touching the money lately brought into the Exchequer upon pretence of the land tax. With this postscript: "I shall be glad to have the favour of an answer from you to my letter of $\frac{10}{20}$th past, touching this year's contingencies, the time drawing near for our leaving these parts." Dated at Loo, $\frac{14}{24}$ Sept. 1696. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 15. 17. Report of Mr. B. Bridges auditor, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the draft of a warrant relating to Admiral Russell's account of provisions furnished to the fleet in the Mediterranean seas, &c. Dated 15 Sept. 1696.

Minuted :—"Read 15 7br '96. The w^{t} to be sent to ye K. to be signed." 1$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

[About Sept. 16.] 18. Memorial from the Com^{rs} for taking subscriptions to the National Land Bank to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for payment of the sums expended as detailed in the first account hereafter described.

Minuted :—"Read 16 7br 1696."

"An accompt of the charge of taking out & putting in execution the commission for taking subscriptions to the Nationall Land Bank, with the officers' sallaries from 20th May 1696 (y^{e} day the Com^{on} was opened) to the 1st Aug^{t} following;" also four other accounts of expenses about the same.

[There is the following minute relating to this bank of an earlier date, viz., 19 June 1696, in the *Minute Book,* Vol. VI., p. 327:—"S^{r} Thomas Cook & other Com^{rs} for the new Land Bank informs my Lords

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that 500li is subscribed over and above the 1,600li before represented to my Lords. My Lord Godolphin saies that if the incouragemt given has had no other effect they must submit to it. They desire 1,000li towards ye charges. My Lords desire an accot of them."] 11 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Sept. 17. 19. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting injunctions to be given to captains of the King's yachts. Dated 17 Sept. '96. 1 *page.*

Sept. 19. 20. Letter from Edward Thompson to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the delay in the Mint had obliged him to pawn his credit to the country for 11,083*l.* 18*s.*, which he had received in clipt money; and he had given them tickets for it, which began to have currency in payments; he had intended to have done so for the rest of the money brought in to be coined, which he had registered in course as it was brought in; but he had received instructions from Mr. Hall, that no account should be taken of the clipt money until he had actually received it. He was of opinion that if the money for which he had given certificates were not received in course the people would be discouraged, if the credit of the Mint were not ruined, and he was sure his own would be. Dated York, 19 Sept. 1696. 2 *pages* (*quarto*).

Sept. 10 and 21. 21. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, stating that the King had given leave to Mr. Robinson, his agent at Stockholm, to come into England for a short time, and had directed his immediate return, so as to meet the King at the Hague, but he was utterly unable without some ready money; signifying the King's pleasure to the Lords of the Treasury, that some way be found, by ready money or otherwise, to enable him to come away immediately with the convoy that would fetch the King; the occasion being very pressing for his waiting on the King on this side, and for his speedy return to the court of Sweden. Dated at Loo, $\frac{10}{20}$ Sept. 1696.

Also another letter, dated 21 Sept. 1696, signed J. Ellis, by command of Mr. Secretary Trumbull, for all possible despatch to Mr. Robinson's bills, "he being to returne to Sweeden, in all hast, upon affaires of great importance to His Maty and his allies."

Minuted:—"Both read, 21 7br '96."

The following is in the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 5, 21 Sept. 1696:—"Mr Robinson to have 100li in mo. out of Secret Service, and 364li for 6 moths on his ordry, due 29 July '96, & 335li on a bill of exrys per tallys on excise; & my Lords will speak to ye K. when he comes over about his arrear in ye last reigne." 2¼ *pages* (*quarto*).

[? About Sept 21.] 22. Petition of John Roberts and others of London, merchants, to the Lords of the Treasury, concerning certain sugar imported in a ship contrary to the Navigation Act.

Referred 21 Sept. 1696.

Minuted:—"13 Octr 1696. Read. The Comrs will report according as has been done in other cases." 1 *page.*

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Sept. 23. 23. A small collection of documents relating to the claims of Thomas Hewetson, Esq., late commander of the ship "Lyon," for services in the West Indies. The documents are dated between 1689–90 and 1695, but the claim was adjusted by the Lords of the Treasury, 23 Sept. 1696.

They include:—

Copy of report signed "William Loundes," to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Thomas Hewetson, Esq., late commander of the ship "Lyon," carrying 150 men and 48 guns, praying payment of 7,860*l.* alleged to be due to him for services whilst employed in the West Indies, and for wages of officers and seamen, provisions, &c.; also demanding payment of 1,159*l.* 12*s.* for carrying and victualling soldiers, and for powder and arms. Dated 11 March 1692–3.

Also report of certain officers of the Navy Office on the same case; in answer to an inquiry, whether 4,462*l.* 10*s.* were a reasonable sum for the service rendered: deciding against the largeness of the demand. Dated 17 March 1692–3.

Other documents in support of the claim, in which it is stated that the petitioner hazarded his fortune in defence of the Leeward Islands when those islands were reduced to the last extremity, and by his personal courage and conduct freed the island of Jamaica from the frequent insults and invasions of the French buccaneers inhabiting the west side of Hispaniola.

In addition to the above is,—

A report of certain officers of the ordnance touching ordnance stores in connexion with the same service. Dated 23 Nov. 1695, accompanied by two other papers relating thereto.

Minuted:—"Read 23 7br 1696. My Lords adjust this demand at 4,000*l.* for the vij months' service of the shipp "Lion" (including ye charge relating to the Office of Ordnance); and as to their further demand of 727^{li} for carriage and victualling soldiers, & for armes, powder, &c., d^{d} to them, my Lords will consider ye same, when the pet^{rs} are ready to offer the particulars & their proof thereof."

[See also Vol. XXV., No. 34.] 19¼ *pages.*

Sept. 23. 24. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel Lyons, merchant, praying for the discharge of a parcel of Italian raw silks, imported from Holland, then under seizure. Dated 23 Sept. 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 5 Xbr '96. My Lords can give the pet^{r} no relife in this matter."

The petition and two other papers. 4 *pages.*

Sept. 24. 25. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, stating the King's approval of the credit sent to Mr. Hill for 30,000*l.* furnished by Mr. Shepheard, Mr. Floyer, and some others at a reasonable rate; encouraging them to proceed, as it would be looked upon as a very good service. Dated at Loo, 4 Oct. 1696, N.S., *i.e.*, 24 Sept.

There is the following entry, under date of 15 Sept. 1696, in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 1., in relation to the subject of this

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letter:—"Mr Sheppard & Mr Floyer will give a credit for 30,000li at Antwerp, at 9 guildrs 6 stivers, & take the tallys for the sd sum on the Salt Act, to wit, the first 30,000l of ye 80,000l last struck." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Sept. 25. 26. Presentment by the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending an addition of officers to the establishment of the port of Whitehaven, and to their salaries, in consequence of the increase of trade there. Dated 25 Sept. 1696.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 2 *pages.*

[Sept. 29.] 27. "An abstract of the Receiver-General's account of the Duchy of Cornwall for the year ending at the feast of St Michael th'Archangell, 1696." 1 *large page.*

July 11 to Sept. 29. 28. State of the account for sick and wounded seamen and prisoners at war from 11th July 1689 to the 29th Sept. 1696. 1 *page.*

Sept. 29. 29. Presentment by the principal Comrs of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, on the state and circumstances of the office in relation to two grants,—

(1.) To Lord Romney and John Glover, of London, merchant, viz., one half of all ships taken and not accounted for since the beginning of the war; and,

(2.) To the Marquis of Monpouillan, viz., 4,000*l.* out of ships named in the warrant, with an exception of 600*l.* claimed by Mr. Blackwell; showing that the carrying out such grants would cause great confusion and contests in the execution of the grants, and in the fulfilling of their commission, wherein is the joint trust and authority of the great seal, and the Act for Encouragement of Privateers; suggesting further that it would be contrary to the letter of the law. They conclude by saying that they duly call their agents to account, and they answer readily except Consul Westcombe, their agent at Cadiz, whose mismanagement and irregular proceedings are set forth in a particular report annexed. Dated 29 7ber 1696.

Accompanied by,—

(1.) The report referred to.

(2.) The petition of the Earl of Romney and John Glover, of London, merchant.

(3.) The warrant in favour of the Marquis de Monpouillan.

(4.) A letter from Wm. Blathwayt, Esq., to Mr. Lowndes in relation to the 600*l.* disbursed by Mr. Lambert Blackwell, Consul at Leghorn, on account of a vessel bought by order of the Duke of Shrewsbury, for an advice boat to the fleet in those parts, which sum he sought to have paid out of certain prizes, and their Lordships had approved thereof; but the King had disposed of his shares in the prizes by warrant, not countersigned by their Lordships,

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whereof they had no cognizance. The whole matter had been [again] laid before the King, and he had signed another warrant, setting the former one aside.

(5.) Copy of the warrant in favour of the Earl of Romney and John Glover, gent. 9½ *pages.*

Sept. 30. 30. The account of the Honourable Charles Bertie, Esq., Treasurer and Paymaster to His Majesty's Office of Ordnance, of all money by him received and paid for land and sea service, from the 30th of September 1689 to the 30th of September 1689, and so annually continued to the 30th of September 1696. 1 *large page.*

[? Sept. 30.] 31. Letter from Mr. Blathwayt to Mr. Lowndes, returning four warrants signed by the King, who had not thought fit as yet to sign that for granting to Mr. La Plaine and Paul Boyer the estate therein mentioned; further stating "His Majty will do nothing relating to the pensions untill his arrivall in Engl.

"His Majesty will embark on Saturday next if the wind be faire." Dated Hague, 10 Oct. 1696 [? N.S.].

On the dorse is a list of the names of the persons to whom the warrants related, viz. :—

Admiral Russell.
Mr. Fotherby.
Sir Richard Levett and al.
Mr. Woolridge.

1 *page* (*quarto*).

[Between June and Sept.] 32. "The ingeeners charge of the tooles that will be wanting in His Majts Mint for coynedge in the Tower of London." Also,

"The charges of the ingeneers tooles that will be wanting in a mint for coynedge of clept mony."

By the docquet of the clerk it was for a country mint. Undated, but see Vol. XXXVIII., No. 64, and *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 382. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 2. 33. A memorial of Tho. Neale, Master and another officer of the Mint, showing that 187*l.* 10*s.* were owing for the salaries of officers of the country mints at Michaelmas last, and that there was no money appointed for them, nor for the salaries of the Mint in London, nor for the artificers, who were very pressing. Dated 2 Oct. 1696. 1 *page.*

Oct. 2. 34. A further representation on the same subject by the said Master and worker, viz., that he was engaged to pay to his deputies in the five country mints, 1,160*l.* yearly, towards which hitherto there had been little or no profits: asking for the last quarter's salary at least.

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There is the following in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 15 :— "Mr. Neal & Mr. Hall 1,000li for the mints out of the first disposable money in the Exchequer." 1 *page.*

Oct. 2. 35. Memorial of the Comrs of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that, in obedience to their Lordships' verbal order, they had inquired as to what terms they could dispose of tallies for money, and they were told they could not dispose of the best, which were on the Annuity Act passed the last session of Parliament, under 28*l. per cent.* discount and interest on them, which would be 3 *per cent.* on the 6th of the month ; praying their order to sell as many as would raise 1,500*l.*, besides what they had already sold, unless they ordered the money some other way, without which they could not discharge the debts due for provisions furnished that year. They had contracted to pay ready money for the provisions, and had bought them accordingly. Also as to the hire of ships to bring home the King's household, and further respecting the accounts of transport ships. Dated 2 Oct. 1696.

Accompanied by two letters and a copy of a report of June 2, 1694.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 10, is the following :—"Comrs of Transport having, per verbal direction, turned tallys for about 6,000*l.* into mo for their office, and having occasion so to do for 1,500*l*, more, when a perfect acct is brot thereof my Lords give warrt for ye allowance per the audr." 4 *pages and* 3 *half pages.*

Oct. 3. 36. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Reynolds and Cornelius Dennis, merchants, of London, and the master of the ship "St. Michael," praying for a "*non pros.*" to any further proceeding for His Majesty's part of the forfeiture of the ship which had fallen under the operation of the Navigation Act. Dated 3 Oct. 1696.

Minuted :—"To be done as in the case of Harrison & al."

The petition and another document relating thereto.

Also a similar report in respect of the ship "St. John the Baptist." 5½ *pages.*

Oct. 3. 37. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of the above Cornelius Dennis and other merchants, praying the King's share of the forfeiture of certain kid skins and other goods, seized and condemned as French, which upon the testimony of certain persons were Spanish. Dated 3 Oct. 1696.

Minuted :—"A warrt to restore ye King's part of the mo recd, for ye value of ye kid skins onely," &c.

The petition and another paper. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 6. 38. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Knox, praying payment of 106*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* due to his brother for his arrears as lieutenant and captain in the Earl of Essex's regiment of dragoons, admitting that that amount was due. Dated 6 Oct. 1696.

Also the petition and copy of Captain Knox's account. 3 *parts of pages.*

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Oct. 7. 39. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords [of the Treasury], sending the report of the Com^rs and chief governors of the revenue, as to the reception of the rent of Col. Patrick Sarsfield, and as to the debt due to the Earl of Scarborough. Dated 7 Oct. 1696.

Minuted:—"To be layd before ye K."

The report and two other papers. 5 *pages.*

Oct. 10. 40. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, secretary of the Lords of the Treasury, stating that the Lords of the Admiralty had lately given orders for the fitting and victualling 10 ships of war for foreign convoys; sending an extract of a letter from the Com^rs of Victualling, stating their inability to furnish the provisions for want of money. Dated 10 Oct. '96.

The extract named. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 10. 41. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Elias Dirckson De Rover, master of the ship "Friendship," who in his voyage to Holland had put in at Tenby, near the port of Milford, being driven by stress of weather; recommending the restoration of certain wine under seizure at Bristol. Dated 10 Oct. 1696.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition. 4 *pages.*

Oct. 13. 42. Representation of the Com^rs of Excise to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had directed their collectors and receivers in the country not to be too scrupulous in receiving such punched money as the late Act for remedying the ill state of the coin described, since which several sums in sixpences, not clipped within the innermost ring, and shillings and half-crowns that have the greatest part of the letters, had been received, which moneys were refused by the Cashier-General; praying their Lordships' directions thereon. Dated 13 Oct. 1696.

Also an account of the money received. 2 *pages.*

[About Oct. 15.] 43. Petition of Godfrey Gravatt, late purser of the ship "Bonadventure," and then a prisoner in Newgate, who was convicted of cheating His Majesty of his naval stores, fined 40*l.*, and committed to Newgate, on the oaths of two persons, one of whom was unworthy of credit; praying that the Attorney-General might cause satisfaction to be entered on the records of his conviction, and that the Com^rs of the Navy might cause the fines to be deducted out of moneys due for his wages. Certificate of the judge before whom he was tried that the prayer was reasonable.

Certificate of the Com^rs of the Navy as to the pay due to him. Dated 15 Oct. 1696.

Also two affidavits.

Minuted:—"Granted upon the judge's cert." 4 *pages.*

Oct. 16. 44. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Duke of Shrewsbury, enclosing the petition of Capt. Wm. Connyngham, captain of dragoons in Col. Richard Connyngham's regiment, praying for the

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grant of a staple bond of 500*l.* payable to Peter Dobbins, "a forfeiting person," on an estate of Henry Connyngham, late of Castle Connyngham, in Ireland; agreeing with the report made thereon by the Attorney-General, which was in favour of the grant. Dated 16 Oct. 1696.

Also the report, three petitions, and two other documents. 8 *pages.*

Oct. 16. 45. Report of the Postmaster-General, on the establishment of a post to go twice a week between Exeter and Bristol, annexing a scheme for the several stages, and the salaries to be allowed. The letters previously sent between those places paid double postage, viz., first to London and then to the place where they were directed. Dated 16 Oct. 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 30 Oct. '96. Approved."

Accompanied by the scheme. 2½ *pages.*

Feb. 4. to Oct. 17. 46. Presentments of the Com^rs^ of Transportation to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the state of the debt in connexion with that commission. The first dated 4 Feb., and the last 17 Oct. 1696. 10 *pages and* 4 *halves.*

Oct. 17. 47. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Weaver, customer of Southampton and members; stating that Portsmouth (one of the members) formerly paid to the King not above 800*l. per ann.*; but had grown to produce 6,000*l. per ann.*; and that he and a clerk had but 50*l. per annum* between them; recommending an addition of 20*l.* for himself and 10*l.* to his clerk. Dated 17 Oct. 1696.

Minuted:—"Granted."

Also the petition. 3 *pages.*

Oct. 17. 48. Letter from Robert Crompton to the "Hon. Willm. Lounds, Esq.," sending enclosed a "true state of the mint" at York, to be laid before the Lords of the Treasury or otherwise, at his discretion; adding "We hear that Capt. Barton has been complained of by Alderman Thompson, which in this country is rather an addition to the good character and repute his diligence an[d] civil behaviour has procured him than otherwise," and if the mint had received any discouragement it was from the alderman. Dated 17 Oct. 1696.

The paper enclosed consists chiefly of imputations on the conduct of Alderman Thompson in receiving the clipt moneys, &c., and asks their Lordships orders therein.

Minuted:—"Read 21 8br '96." 3 *pages.*

Oct. 20. 49. Letter signed "Humphry Edwin" to "John [should be William] Lownes," Esq., Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, respecting the interference by Sir Christopher Wren with the repair of a building leading into Westminster Hall, which the Lords of the Treasury were informed would prejudice the lights in the Pell Office; also respecting the design for a new building. Dated 20 Oct. 1696.

Accompanied by the plan. 1½ *pages and the plan.*

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Oct. 21. 1. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that Sir Cloudesley Shovell had represented by letter the hardships of the brewers at Portsmouth, occasioned by the officers of excise; insomuch that they could not brew any more beer for the fleet. Dated 21 Oct. '96.

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 28, 27 Oct. 1696, is :—"Com^rs of Excise say a letter was sent on Thursday last to Portsm^th to w^th draw the informations ag^t the brewers there. Victuallers come in & say that the brewers are not contented with that."

Enclosed is the extract of the letter. 2 *pages.*

Oct. 21. 2. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, in accordance with the report of the Com^rs of Customs at Dublin, made to the same Lords Justices, on the petition of Willm. Griffith, collector of the port and district of Sligo, who had been robbed of 894*l.* 13*s.* 7¼*d.*, recommending him as a fit object for favour. Dated 21 Oct. 1696.

Accompanied by the report.

Minuted :—"Read 9 Nov. '98. A sign man^ll to allow the sum, 894*l.* 13*s.* 7¼*d.*"

Also two petitions of the collector and several affidavits and a certificate with numerous signatures in his favour. 7 *pages.*

[About Oct. 21.] 3. Petition of Mr. Philip Savage to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he was to have had an allowance of 40*s.* a-piece on all persons outlawed, which amounted to 8,000*l.*, but the Lords of the Treasury had determined to grant him a custodiam of certain lands until he should receive 4,000*l.*; and in pursuance thereof the Lord Justices granted a custodiam of the lands in the name of James Tisdall, Esq., at the rent of 615*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.*, the quit rent included; praying to be discharged from the rent, the quit rent excepted.

Three other papers relating thereto, the last minuted :—"Read 21 Oct. '96. The rent on the present lease to be discharged as usually, and my Lords will review the reports to see what further there is fitt to be granted." 6 *pages or parts of pages.*

[About Oct. 21.] 4. Representation of the contractors for making and coining copper halfpence and farthings, and exchanging the tin farthings for copper farthings, complaining that they were deprived of the room and seven presses, which had been allowed them in the Tower for the coinage, by reason of the coinage of shillings and sixpences.

Minuted :—"Read 21 Oct. '96. Ref. to the chief off^rs of ye Mint." 1 *page.*

Oct. 22. 5. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Olof Hill, praying a grant of the King's moiety of several fines or seizures mentioned in a schedule annexed. The report states that the King's part amounted to about 3,480*l.* Dated 22 Oct. 1696.

Also the schedule. 5 *pages.*

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Oct. 23. 6. A memorial from Mr. Neale to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that unless an advance of some money were made, and sent to each mint for the melting and coining, they must cease. Not less than 400*l.* or 500*l.* was absolutely needful to be sent to each mint. Dated 23 Oct. 1696. ¾ *page.*

Oct. 24. 7. Presentment of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of allowing Lambert Pitches a salary of 100*l.* *per annum*, as a tide surveyor at Leigh. Dated 24 Oct. 1696.
Minuted:—"Agreed." 1¼ *pages.*

Oct. 26. 8. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the accounts and papers which contained Sir Willm. Gore's demands, relating to the remittances made by him for His Majesty's service at Hamborough. Dated 26 Oct. 1696.
Also five other papers connected therewith. 9 *pages or parts of pages.*

Oct. 26. 9. Letter from the Com^rs^ of the Navy to Mr. Lowndes, returning the letter about the moneys for the officers of the marine regiments. Their Lordships, in 1694, directed 6,851*l.* 5*s.*, to be paid to the Marquis of Carmarthen, colonel of the first marine regiment, for payment of Richard Acton and partners, for clothes and beds by them supplied to the regiment, and that it should be charged as an imprest on the pay of the whole regiment. They must stop it out of the wages for 1695, unless ordered to the contrary. Dated 26 Oct. 1696. 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 10. Representation by the Com^rs^ for sick and wounded seamen and prisoners-at-war to the Lords of the Treasury, that they had not a shilling to pay the daily expense of the prisoners, to send the recovered seamen to their ships, nor to defray the daily disbursements, and that they were threatened at the ports that the prisoners must be set at liberty, and the seamen starved. Dated 27 Oct. 1696. 1 *page.*

Oct. 27. 11. Report of the Com^rs^ of Prizes to the Lords of the Treasury, in relation to the payment of Mr. Dodington in bank bills, in satisfaction of the account between the Treasurer of the Navy and the Prize Office, the bank bills having been refused by Mr. Dodington. Dated 27 Oct. 1696.
The following is in the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 40, 24 Nov. 1696:—
"A letter to the Com^rs^ of Prizes to direct their treasurer to pay forthwith to ye Tre^r^ of ye Navy the whole share of the cash due to ye Navy from his office. M^r^ Lowndes to tell M^r^ Dodington that he may take this mo. in bank bills, & y^t^ ye Com^rs^ of sick & wounded will take from him their part in like manner." 1½ *pages.*

Oct. 29. 12. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Sir Richard Levinge, Knt., for a grant to him and his heirs of the forfeited estate of Walter Tinte, of the

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county of Westmeath, which he then held in custodiam. Dated 29 Oct. 1696.

The report of the Com^rs of Revenue thereon, and that of the Auditor-General.

The petition of Sir Richard Levinge, who mentions that he had been Solicitor-General and Speaker of the Irish House of Commons.

A certificate from W. Palmer, deputy clerk of the Privy Council, and an affidavit of the said Sir Richard.

Minuted:—" 14 Apr. '97. Rejected." 8 *pages.*

Oct. 31. 13. Report of the Com^rs of Revenue of Ireland to the Lords Justices, on the petition of Dr. Patrick Dun, physician to the King's hospitals in Ireland, viz., as to the yearly value of the lands in a list annexed, of which he desired to obtain a grant. Dated 31 Oct. 1696.

Minuted:—" 14 Ap. '97. Rejected."

Also two petitions from him and two lists of lands. 7 *pages.*

Oct. 31. 14. An acc^t of His Ma^ties new impositions, &c., granted by several Acts of Parliam^t from 28 Septem^r '96 excl. to the 31^th October following. 2 *large pages.*

[About Nov. 2.] 15. Petition of John Munday to the King, showing that he caused the apprehension of several persons who forwarded the escape of Sir James Montgomery, and was chief evidence against Alex. Waugh, who was convicted and fined 500*l.*; that he assisted in apprehending the governor of the island of Scilly, and brought him to Plymouth, where he surrendered to the Earl of Bath, and he had served in the army in Ireland and Flanders till disabled by wounds; praying to be made riding-surveyor for the circuits of Romney in Kent.

Minuted:—" Upon discoursing M^r N. Baker, my Lords cannot advise the disposal of this office to ye pet^r.'

Referred 2 Nov. 1696. 1 *page.*

Nov. 5. 16. Order in Council made on the petition of Sir Thomas Lane and Sir Thomas Cook, aldermen and late sheriffs of London and Middlesex, concerning clippings and counterfeit money seized by them in the time of their shrievalty, the value being about 130*l.* Dated 5 Nov. 1696. [The important part of the order is torn away.]

The petition states that the sheriffs, by the city charter or otherwise (as they were informed), had always taken to their own use the clippings and counterfeit money brought and given in evidence at the Old Bailey.

Accompanied by a paper containing the state of their account and another paper of memoranda. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 6. 17. Letter of the Com^rs of the Navy to the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that the dealers in oak timber had refused to make any more tenders to the Commissioner at Portsmouth, so that if some assistance from the New Forest could not be had the works

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would be at a stand; praying him to inform the Lords of the Treasury thereof. Dated 6 Nov. '96. 1 *page.*

Nov. 6. 18. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that they had considered the petition of Elizabeth, Countess Dowager of Anglesey, relating to an agreement made by Arthur, late Earl of Anglesey, with Charles Cavenagh, a forfeiting person, for certain woods in the counties of Wexford and Catherlogh, and a bond for 1,300*l.* given to the Earl; stating further what had been done about the petition; there remained 326*l.* 2*s.* 8½*d.* unpaid to the Lord Anglesey of the bond and 160*l.* for rent, &c.; offering no objection to the bond being delivered up to be cancelled, &c. Dated 6 Nov. 1696.

Also two reports and the petition, and "a state of the case." 8 *pages and* 3 *parts of pages.*

Nov. 9. 19. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Vernon as to his debt in the port of Beaumaris, for the new impost of tobacco, and his losses during the war with France; in favour of his being relieved. Dated 9 Nov. 1696.

Minuted:—"To be discharged on the paym^t of 100^li."

Also the petition and two other documents. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 20. Letter of the Lord Justices of Ireland, addressed to Mr. Secretary Trumbull, stating that they had referred to the Attorney General and the Com^rs of the Revenue and Forfeitures in Ireland the petition of the Lady Dorothy Bourke, praying a grant of the forfeitures made by her uncles, the Lords Galway and Bophin, and her aunt, the Duchess of Barwick; forwarding their reports thereon. The letter is in favour of a grant of such part of the forfeited estate of William, late Earl of Clanricard, as His Majesty should please. Dated 10 Nov. 1696.

The reports, which contain many details touching these families, and the petition referred to.

Minuted:—"To refer it to y^e Com^rs to send a state how these estates are, w^t y^e King's title is & w^t vallue." 10 *pages.*

Nov. 10. 21. Report of Lord Ranelagh to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Capt. Alex. Saunderson, praying payment of 118*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, being the arrears due to one of his late sons, as captain in the Royal regiment of foot, who was killed at the siege of Namur; certifying that it was due to him. Dated 10 Nov. 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 2 Mar. '96. To be p^d out of hackney coaches."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 7 and 11. 22. "Memorandum of clip'd money and plate brought into the country mints to be coyn'd," on 7 and 11 Nov. 1696. 10 *lines.*

Nov. 12. 23. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, as to the payment to Thomas Ward of His Majesty's share of a parcel of prunellos seized; expressing their doubt, whether it was

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intended that the King's share of the forfeiture should be paid him with or without his payment of the customs. Dated 12 Nov. 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 22 Xbr '96. The petr to have his election for one or tother, but not both."

Also some other memoranda relating thereto. 1 *page and* 2 *parts.*

Nov. 13. 24. Copy of a letter from the Lords of the Treasury to the Lords Justices of Ireland, sending a petition they had received from William Ballard, of Cork, merchant, which set forth that 445*l.* 12*s.* 4½*d.* were due to Col. Hastings' regiment, and some others of the army in Ireland, in order that they might consider thereof and send their opinion what should be done. Dated 13 Nov. 1696. 1 *page.*

Nov. 15. 25. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of William Lewen and Moses Francia, on behalf of themselves and other merchants of London, as to certain wines which were bought by the petitioners, out of the cargo of a prize ship at Guernsey; recommending a *nolle prosequi* to be entered on the information exhibited against them. Dated 15 Nov. 1696.

Minuted:—"Granted."

The petition, a report of the officers for prizes, and an affidavit. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 16. 26. "An account of all the silver money coyn'd in the mint in the Tower, from the First of January 1695 to the 16th of November 1696." 7 *lines.*

Nov. 18. 27. Report of the Comrs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel Ivie and Henry Arthur, of Exeter, merchants, who had paid into the Custom House, 4,669*l.* in clipt money, in part discharge of 7,000*l.* for duties on goods by them imported; which clipt money they prayed might be taken in discharge of their debt. Dated 18 Nov. 1696.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"The collr must give the petr credit for this money & in case he has any ground of belief he must apply to this board."

In the *Minute Book,* Vol. VII., p. 68, 29 Jan. 1696-7, is:—

"The peticon of Daniel Ivie & Henry Arthur, of Exon, merchts, agt Charles Orchard, customer, is read, both sides being present. My Lords will referr this matter to ye Comrs of the Customes, to examine the accots, and particularly whether the petrs p[ai]d the whole sum of 4,669li menconed in their petition, and whether on the 2d of May last the money was due to ye K., that the petrs then tendered, and pretend to have paid. Mr. Arthur saies that Mr Score treated with him for 10li for himselfe, & 25li for Mr Orchard, for the profitt he would have made by returnes, in case he would take in 2,000li not then due, besides all that is p[ai]d; he complaines also of Mr. Orchard's refusing to give him a cert. of 110 hhds. tobacco re-landed at Plymth."

"Mr. Orchard to have a copy of ye peticon." 3½ *pages.*

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Nov. 19. 28. Certificate of the victuallers of His Majesty's Navy to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Nelson with respect to two bills amounting to 1,006*l.* 5*s.* not paid for want of money in the office, as also several others from New England, Virginia, and the West Indies; further as to the services rendered by Mr. Nelson to the Crown, his being taken prisoner, &c.; certifying that he was deserving of their Lordships' favour. Dated 19 Nov. 1696.
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 21. 29. "Certificate of His Mat^s^ new & add^l^ imp^ns^ from 14 November 1696 to the 21st of same month."
(Totals only.) *Parts of* 2 *large pages.*

Nov. 23. 30. Letter of the Com^rs^ of the Navy to the Treasurer of the Navy, sending a copy of a letter received from the Com^rs^ of Victualling, stating that the credit of the office was quite lost; begging him to solicit the Lords of the Treasury for the necessary supply of money. Dated 23 Nov. '96. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 23. 31. Letter from the same to the same, as to the distressed state of Portsmouth yard, for want of timber, with propositions for relief from the New Forest, &c. Dated 23 Nov. '96.
Also copy of a letter from Com^r^ Greenhill respecting the same, and a letter from J. Batt to Mr. Lounds. 3 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 25. 32. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Quilter, praying to be relieved from the forfeiture of a parcel of stuffs short entered in the port of London; recommending the remission of the King's part (about 50*l.*) of the duty. Dated 25 Nov. 1696.
Minuted:—"Agreed."
"W^t^ [warrant] drawne & signed."
Also the petition and an affidavit. 2 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 27. 33. Letter from Mr. James Vernon to Mr. Lowndes, enclosing the copy of a representation from the Com^rs^ of the Revenue in Ireland concerning the new leasing of the forfeited lands there, with the opinion of the Lords Justices thereon. Dated 27 Nov. 1696.
Also the same representation and copy of the letter which enclosed it. 4 *pages.*

Nov. 28. 34. Letter of Mr. Burchett to the same, sending an extract from a letter received by the Lords of the Admiralty from the Com^rs^ for victualling the Navy, stating that without a suitable supply of money they could not provide victuals for the ships. Dated 28 Nov. '96.
Also the extract. 1 *page and* 2 *halves.*

Nov. 28. 35. Letter from the same to the same, sending a copy of a letter from the pursers of the fleet, received by the Lords of the Admiralty,

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complaining of the want of money to furnish necessaries for the ships. Dated 28 Nov. '96.

Minuted:—" Read 1 Dec. 1696."

Also the copy. 2 *pages.*

Nov. 30. 36. Letter of Mr. Bridgeman to the same, stating that the Lords of the Admiralty had received an account from the Navy Board that the ships ordered to be loaded in Ireland with timber for England were likely to be delayed, from the pretensions made to the timber by Lord Bellamont. Sending copies of the letters they had received thereon. Dated 30 Nov. '96.

Minuted:—" Send for Mr. Standley of the Paper Office about this."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 43, 5 Dec. 1696, is:—" My Lords cannot interpose in the business of ye timber cutt downe on my Lord Kilmare's estate in Ireland, & w^ch^ is distreyned p ye Lord Bellom^t^."

Also copies of the letters thereon. 5 *pages.*

Nov. 30. 37. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the report on the petition of the Countess of Dorchester, showing that 1,259*l.* 5*s.* 2¾*d.* of the quit-rents granted to the petitioner had been paid to the King's use; offering no objection to the repayment to her. Dated 30 Nov. 1696.

The report and petition, and a schedule containing " A state of the quit-rents granted to the Lady Dorchester, from anno 1688 to 29 Septem^r^ 1695, and another schedule adjusted to Michaelmas 1695." 6 *pages.*

Dec. 1. 38. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of James Howard, Esq., customer of the port of Berwick, for the appointment of his son on his surrender of the office. Dated 1 Dec. 1696.

Minuted:—" Granted."

Also the petition. 1½ *pages.*

[About Dec. 1.] 39. Petition of Michael East to the Lords of the Treasury, for a patent place in the Customs."

Minuted:—" Read 1 Dec^r^ '96. My Lords cannot engage themselves in a promise till they know what the place is, and who is in possession." 1 *page.*

Dec. 4. 40. Three letters of Sir Richard Newdigate, Bart., addressed to William Glanville, Esq., at the Treasury Chamber, in relation to the proceedings of John Newsham, Esq., Receiver-General for the county of Warwick, dated 9 and 13 Nov. and 4 Dec. '96; together with articles exhibited to the Lords of the Treasury against him (being ten in number), charging him with corruption, cheating, and other conduct unbecoming his office.

Accompanied by (1) a petition from the receiver, praying their Lordships to respite his attendance for three weeks from 13 [No-

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vember], in which time he would have finished his receipts, and that the said Sir Richard might give in his complaints in writing; and (2) a letter from him to John Smith, Esq., for the further postponement of his attendance to 22 Dec., as he was 70 miles from home and [had only then received] the complaint in writing. Dated 24 Nov.'96. *This is minuted thus:*—" Ordered."

In Vol. VII., p. 49, of the *Minute Books*, on 22 Dec. 1696, counsel appeared on the informations transmitted by Sir Richard Newdigate against Mr. Newsham, and their Lordships ordered the affidavits relative to the case to be left at the Treasury, and a hearing was ordered for 22 Jan. At p. 64, on 23 Jan., counsel for and against Mr. Newsham were heard, and various affidavits were read and witnesses examined, but no decision is mentioned as having been arrived at. The proceedings occupy two closely written pages.

Although no dismissal of Mr. Newsham is recorded in the *Minute Book*, yet it is clear he had been superseded, because in the subsequent *Minute Book*, 19 April 1698, Vol. VIII., p. 147, he had made a series of charges against John Andrews, receiver of taxes in Warwickshire, who had then succeeded to the office. The hearing of the case by counsel is there recorded. Their Lordships thought that the accusations were not made out, and they continued Andrews as receiver. 6 *pages and* 2 *parts of pages.*

Dec. 5. 41. Letter from [Brigadier] Wm. Wolseley, unaddressed, inclosing a letter for the Duke of Shrewsbury, about his treasury business. Mr. Vernon would at all times introduce the receiver of the letter to the Duke. With this postscript added:—" If the King give a grant or leas, pray put in a repriseing clause, so as not to be referr'd back for it to ye Treasury." Dated 5 Dec. '96. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Dec. 7. 42. Letter of the Com^{rs} of the Navy [to the Lords of the Treasury], sending a copy of what they wrote on the 4th of Nov. 1694, " having nothing to add." Dated 7 Dec. 1696.

The report is in favour of relaxing the taxes to the officers of the yards and clerks of the office, and to themselves likewise.

Minuted:—" To be don for y^{e} clerks as in preceding years."

Also the petition of the persons employed in the naval yards. Dated 19 Nov. 1694. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 7. 43. Letter from Willm. Trumbull by direction of the King to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing the petition of the city of Coventry to the King for their opinion and report. Dated 7 Dec. 1696.

The petition sets forth that by calculation, the city returned weekly in goods manufactured 10,000*l.*, and by the difficulties of the coin most of the poor were without work, and prays for the establishment of a mint there. Numerous signatures. 1½ *pages.* (*the petition very large*).

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Dec. 7. 44. Letter of Mr. Willm. Trumbull to the Lords of the Treasury, enclosing for their consideration and report a memorial of the Lords of the Admiralty, proposing that the King's part of all the fines and forfeitures of uncustomed and prohibited goods seized within the jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports, might go towards the repair of Dover Harbour. Dated 7 Dec. 1696.
Also the memorial. 2¼ *pages.*

Dec. 7. 45. "A certificate of the new money coin'd from the clipt money to ye 7th December 1696." 7 *lines.*

Dec. 7. 46. A paper showing the state of the deficiencies by means of clipt moneys received for various kinds of duties and other revenues. Dated 7 Dec. 1696. 1 *large page (torn in pieces, and decayed).*

Dec. 8. 47. Report of S. Travers, Surveyor-General, to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Mr. Joseph Sparrow, advising that the office of bailiff of the hundreds of Freshwell and Uttlesford in Essex, which the petitioner sought for, was not valuable, but might be of some credit and advantage to a practiser of the law, as the last bailiff was and the petitioner is, and if their Lordships granted his request, the office might pass under the Exchequer seal for life or pleasure. Dated 8 Dec. 1696.
Minuted:—"To be granted dur[ing] pl[easure]."
Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 10. 48. Report signed Is. Newton and Tho. Neale to the Lords of the Treasury, on a memorial of Jonathan Ambrose, melter to His Majesty's mint in the Tower, who claimed 1½*d.* per pound on 13,349 pounds melted by him, and 150*l.* sterling for refining; stating that the master and worker of the mint had always melted the gold and silver down, and employed such persons as he thought fit, and praying that he might continue to do so, naming the terms upon which he hoped to be so allowed. Advising further that in the next warrant to be signed by the King for coining the clipt money or plate, the extra penny to the moneyers should be made conditional; they being only allowed 8*d. per* pound by the indenture of the mint for their service, and the additional penny when the moneys were well sized, blanched, and coined and a due proportion of small moneys made, which had then not been the case. Dated 10 Dec. 1696.
Also the memorial and a schedule entitled:—"The accot of ye tooles delivered to ye Tower." 3½ *pages.*

[? About Dec. 10.] 49. Order in Council made on the petition of Robert Shelmerdine, which set forth the hazard he had incurred in coming from Germany to reveal a "horrid conspiracy and hellish designe of assasinating" the King, and sought for a further reward, he having only received a gratuity of 50*l.*; referring the matter to the Lords of the Treasury on 10 Dec. 1696.

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This is written on the other side of the petition. It is accompanied by the copy of a certificate of the Earl of Romney corroborating the petitioner's case.

Minuted:—"Read 19 March '96. 50*l.* more to be p^{d} him in full." *Parts of three pages.*

Dec. 11. 50. Presentment of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, praying for an allowance not exceeding 300*l.*, &c. to Mr. Manley and others, employed on the coasts of Kent and Sussex to prevent communication and passage of intelligence to and from France. Dated 11 Dec. 1696.

Minuted:—"Agreed." 1 *page.*

Dec. 14. 51. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Peter Renew and others, respecting certain oil and fish taken and condemned as prize, but which were afterwards charged as if subject to foreign duties. Dated 14 Dec. 1696.

Minuted:—"No custome or duty to be p^{d}."

The petition and four other documents. 13 *pages or parts of pages.*

Dec. 14. 52. Letter of Mr. Bridgeman to Mr. Lowndes, secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, sending a copy of a letter received by the Lords of the Admiralty from the Navy Board, representing that the victuallers were absolutely at a stand for want of money, &c. Dated 14 Dec. '96.

Also copy of the letter. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 15. 53. Letter signed David Williams to Mr. Glanvill respecting his two petitions, which were either lost or mislaid at the Treasury. He mentions that Esquire Lowndes also took the petition of Mr. Charles Nevell. He doubted not it would be found. He concludes:—"I pray, good sirs, endeavour to find these two petitions, for we shall be undone if they are lost; else lett Esq^{r} Lowndes make me keeper of his petitions, and I will be bound in ten thousand pounds not one shall be lost while I live; now I have waited above 3 quarters of a year, & now my petition is mislaid." Dated 10^{br} 15^{o} '96. 1 *page.*

Dec. 16. 54. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of Isaac des Graves as to certain wines on which he had paid the duty which were afterwards seized as French wines. Dated 16 Dec. 1696.

Also the petition.

Minuted:—"The K. will have his share in kind." 2½ *pages.*

Dec. 16. 55. Report of the Com^{rs} of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the memorial of Nicholas Wanly, formerly one of the landwaiters of the port of London, dismissed for not taking the test, although it appeared he had taken the sacrament oaths and test. Dated 16 Dec. 1696.

Accompanied by "The case of Nicholas Wanley," and the memorial. 3 *pages.*

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Dec. 22. 1. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to Mr. Secretary Trumbull, sending the report and other papers of the Com^rs^ of the Revenue and Forfeitures, and that of the Solicitor-General, upon the petition of Sir John Topham, Advocate-General in Ireland, praying for a reward for his services during the several campaigns there, and particularly that under the command of the late Duke of Schomberg in the north of Ireland, in favour of his obtaining a grant of forfeited lands. The estates mentioned are those of Matthew Barnwall in the county of Meath, and of John Itchingham. Dated 22 Dec. 1696.

Also the Com^rs'^ report, a copy of the Solicitor-General's report, a copy of the above Com^rs'^ report and of the above Lords Justices' letter; the petition and a copy thereof and a list of the lands petitioned for; copies of four warrants for arrest of persons signed by the Duke of Schomberg, and an affidavit. 11 *pages and* 3 *parts.*

Dec. 23. 2. Report of the Com^rs^ of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of divers merchants of London, owners and freighters of the "King William" galley, and other gallies in the like circumstances. Precisely similar to the report of 31 Aug. 1696. Dated 23 Dec. 1696.

Minuted:—"Agreed."

Also the petition. 2 *pages.*

Dec. 23. 3. An order by the Committee of Privy Council appointing a day for hearing the petition of Daniel le Febre and Andrew Monamy, guardians of the children of Peter Monamy, deceased, of the island of Guernsey; touching the importation of salt, or other goods, from that island, custom free, according to the ancient privileges of that island. Dated 23 Dec. 1696. 1 *page.*

Dec. 23. 4. Letter of the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lords of the Treasury, sending the report of the Com^rs^ of the Revenue on the petition presented to the King by John Pulteney, Esq., clerk of the Privy Council in Ireland, praying payment of 516*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for fees for copying books, entries, claims, and schedules of lands for the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the forfeitures of Ireland; which related to persons claiming the benefit of the articles of Limerick, or Galway, &c., or for compensation in lieu thereof, out of the foreited estates in Ireland. Dated 23 Dec. 1696.

Minuted:—"Read 16 Ap. '97. The sum to be pd out of y^e^ gen^ll^ rec^t^ in Ireland."

Also the report and petition and two certificates. 6 *pages and* 2 *halves.*

Dec. 24. 5. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, sending copy of a letter received by the Lords of the Admiralty, from the principal officers of the navy, representing their extraordinary difficulties for want of money. Dated 24 Dec. '96.

Also the copy of the letter. 2 *pages.*

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Dec. 24. 6. Report of Mr. Alan Brodrick, Solicitor-General for Ireland [to the Lords Justices], on the petition of Capt. Henry Rice, respecting the two plough lands of Lisapooka, Kilnamaul, and Maulikinahane, and the three plough lands of Gortnohorna, Garrindrooge in the barony of Carbury, and county of Cork, which had belonged to Walter Copinger, who, together with Dominic Copinger his son, had become bound for 484*l.* to the petitioner, and upon his failure in his bond had been outlawed by the petitioner, and a custodiam obtained of the lands by the petitioner; representing that the petitioner was one of the first Protestants that was persecuted in the late King James's reign; that he was barbarously used and kept in prison, to make him accuse the Protestants of Ireland of a plot; that soon after he fled for England, and thence to Holland, to the loss of most of his substance; advising that by law he was remediless to obtain the remainder of his debt, but that he deserved to have the balance of the same, together with 208*l.* claimed by him. Dated 24 Dec. 1696. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 25. 7. A pamphlet entitled, "A secrett survey of the revennue of Ireland, from the 13th of August 1691 to ye 25th December 1696."

It is an exposure of the proceedings of the Comrs of the Revenue of Ireland, and more particularly directed against Mr. Christopher Carleton, one of that board. The pamphlet was written by John Richardson, a landing waiter at Derry. 46 *pages* (*quarto*).

Dec. 26. 8. Letter of Mr. Burchett to Mr. Lowndes, secretary to the Lords the Treasury, sending copy of a paper received from the Commissioners of Victualling by the Lords of the Admiralty, stating that the whole service would be at a stand unless they were furnished with money. Dated 26 Dec. '96.

The above paper entitled:—"A state of the victualling affairs."

In the *Minute Book*, Vol. VII., p. 53, 30 Dec. 1696, is:—"The Comrs of Adlty & Victuallrs called in. The state of the victualling presented per the victuallers is read, & another paper, demanding 20,000li per week presently, till the parliamentary fonds are settled; and then a good sum in exchequer bills or notes, and 20,000li creditt in the outports per Commrs of Excise. Mr. Chancellor said, as to the weekly payment, there is no prospect, and the Comrs of Excise will not give the creditt; but tallys may be struck for the vict. on the 600,000li creditt, given per ye Parliament. The King recommends it to the Commrs of ye victt, to do their utmost; and my Lords of the Treary will supply them wth as much money as they can. The King orders the ships ordered for the West Indies to be first provided for." 4 *pages.*

Dec. 28. 9. Letter from the same to the same, *docquetted*:—"From the Admlty, signifying His Majesty's pleasure that the Comrs of the Admiralty and Comrs for Victualling do attend His Maty the next Treasury day at Kensington." Dated 28 Dec. '96. ½ *page.*

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Dec. 29. 10. Report of the Com^rs of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury, on the petition of John Upton, of London, merchant, praying for the benefit of his debentures for certain yarn shipped for Rotterdam. Dated 29 Dec. 1696.
Minuted :—" 4^th May 1697. Rejected."
Also the petition and an affidavit. 3 *pages.*

Dec. 29. 11. Letter, signed Wm. Wolseley, to Mr. Richard Powis at the Treasury Chamber, stating he had arrived in Dublin after a tedious journey, and found several persons getting his lands, especially Lord Rochford, who had the estate of Christopher Chivers, in the county of Lowth, &c. Dated 29 Dec. 1696. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

Dec. 31. 12. An Order in Council for impresting 8,100 seamen for the fleet out of the customs and excise. Dated 31 Dec. 1696.
Minuted :—" Read 9 Mar. '96. The customes & excise are all appropriated."
Accompanied by a list of counties and the Lords Lieutenants and *Custodes Rotulorum* of the same. 4 *pages.*

Jan. 1695–6 to Dec. 1696. 13. A collection of papers showing the monthly amounts received for fees by various officers at the Treasury. These include also fees for payments out of secret service moneys. 58 *pages or parts of pages.*

[1696.] 14. The case of Henry Nash and Joel Burford, officers of the customs in the port of London ; praying an order to the Receivers of the Exchequer to take the sum of 223*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* in clipt money, being the King's moiety of certain goods appraised which they had not opportunity of paying in before the 4th of May.
On the dorse it states that they were chiefly India goods, which had fallen a third in value by the arrivals of the last India ships.
Undated, but compare the Act 7 & 8 Will. III. ch. 1. § 5. 1 *page.*

[1696.] 15. A proposal on the part of some persons, not named, who designed to buy up plate to be coined, viz., that the 6*d.* per ounce allowed by the Act [7 & 8 Will. III. ch. 19.] should be paid them in money out of the Exchequer, and that a melting house should be forthwith made, and a mill and one of the presses then at work in the Mint should be set apart for coining plate only, under the inspection of an officer ; they could thus make 15,000*l.* in money weekly ; the King could then, with the other six mills, have 90,000*l.* instead of 60,000*l.* per week.
Undated, but compare the Act referred to. 1½ *pages.*

[? 1696.] 16. Proposal of Peter Floyer and Charles Shales, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, made under the sanction of Thomas Neale, Esq., master and worker of the Mint, to facilitate the business at the Mint arising out of the " Act for further remedying the ill state of the coin of the kingdom." The direction of the Act was

1696. that all hammered silver moneys, whether taxes, revenues, loans, or otherwise, should be carried to the next adjacent mint to be recoined, and so much thereof as should be brought in for taxes, revenues, or loans should be recoined before any charge was made into the Exchequer thereof; and the offer of the proposers is to undertake the whole charge and risk upon themselves in all or so many mints as their Lordships thought fit, and to receive all the silver hammered money, and deliver the full weight in standard silver, being allowed eight grains out of every ounce troy-weight. [Undated, but query 1696 from the recoinage.] 1 *page.*

[1696.] 17. Petition of the sheriff of the county of Southampton to the Lords of the Treasury, for the re-payment of 160*l.*, disbursed by him for apprehending certain highway robbers and counterfeiters of the coin.

Four certificates on parchment and one on paper relating thereto. The last dated one is 2 July 1696. 2 *sheets and* 2 *pieces of parchment.*

1691 to 1696. 18. Reports, petitions, &c. relating to claims made by Charles Balfour, Esq., for 800 bars of iron and nine sheets of lead taken for the garrison and forces at Inniskilling. Dated between 1691 and 1696.

In his petition he complains that his estate lying near Inniskilling was damaged above 8,000*l.* by the burning of his town of Lisnaskey, &c.

The last one minuted :—" To Lord Deputy, that my Lords think this a compassionate, & to know if he can propose anything proper for the pet^rs^ reliefe," and in another place : " Read 30 Mar. '96. The King cannot pay the pretencions of this kind." 20 *pages or parts of pages.*

[? 1695 or 1696.] 19. Petition of Patrick Lambe, contractor for victualling the hospitals in Flanders, addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, complaining of his disappointment in not receiving the 1,000*l.* assigned him by their Lordships in money, and that he had been forced to take up money at a considerable loss ; proposing to subscribe the whole 5,000*l.* upon the credit of the Exchequer. Without date, but see Vol. XXXII., No. 37, and *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 322, 12 June 1696, and p. 367, 14 Aug. 1696, where he is mentioned in connexion with these hospitals. 1 *page.*

1696. 20. Estimate of several works to be done for His Majesty in Hyde Park in the year 1696; chiefly about ditching and fencing. 1½ *pages.*

1696. 21. "Docquetts at the Privy Seale, being abstracts of grants and warrants, in favour of various persons, in the months of January, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and November 1696. 33 *pages or parts of pages.*

1696. 22. "A list of the land forces which His Maj^tie^ has now in his pay, and which he thinks necessary to be continued & maintai^d^ in England and beyond seas for the service of y^e^ year 1696."

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The total amount of the estimate was 2,709,713*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* 1 *large page.*

1696. 23. A comparison of the produce of His Majesties' revenue in Ireland for two years ended at Christmas 1696.

With this note at the foot: "This abstract is taken from the collector's accounts current for the year 1696, and examined by W. Burgh, Accompt Genll." 1 *page.*

1696. 24. A tabular view of "Payments made to the Earle of Ranelagh at the Exchequer between Michaelmas 1696 and Xmas following." 1 *page.*

[1696.] 25. Report of the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Howard, Knt., auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer, on the petition of the officers and clerks of the Tally Court in the Receipt of the Exchequer, who sought payment of 1,663*l.* 8*s.* for tallies levied without fees; certifying that at the former allowances their claim would amount to that sum. Undated, but the tallies were passed between Easter 1695 and Easter 1696.

Accompanied by the petition. 3 *pages.*

[About 1696.] 26. Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and other citizens of Bristol to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that sixpences and lesser silver money, being then taken only by weight, occasioned an extraordinary want of change, greatly obstructed the markets, and caused many clamours among the poorer sort, which was increased by the scarcity of copper halfpence and farthings, of which they had but few, by reason of the trouble and charge in buying them in, and the carriage from London; praying an order for their mint to coin the same. Without date, but probably 1696, as the coinage was then under revision, and one of the persons signing was Robert Yates, who was concerned about the coinage, as appears by the letter dated 17 Aug. 1696, Vol. XXXIX., No. 40.

Numerous signatures. 1 *page.*

[About 1696.] 27. "An account from the several indentures of the tale and weight of the clipt monys, with the number of ingots they were cast into." Without date, but the years '95 and '96 mentioned. 1 *page.*

[About 1696.] 28. Certain particulars as to a patent for the office of Treasurer or Receiver General of Jamaica, granted to Thomas Martin and Leonard Compere, leather-seller, with three queries at the end,—

(1.) As to the per-centage on the fees;

(2.) As to whether the patent was not void by the death of Tho. Martin; and,

(3.) As to the propriety of a woman, to whom the right in the patent had been bequeathed, disposing of Their Majesties' revenue, and deputing whom she pleased to the office.

On the dorse is:—"The last lettr of ye 5th Dec. '95 was given to Mr Blathwayt 19 March foll." 1 *page* (*quarto*).

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1696. [About 1696.] 29. Petition of Peter De Lanoy, Esq., and Richard Richmond, gent., and others, the owners of the Green Glass Houses, near St. Saviour's, Southwark; stating that since the Act for new coining the money they had taken considerable sums of clipped and impassable money, and that without some relief it was impossible to pay the tax and keep their works going with new money, it being so scarce; praying their Lordships to consider a way for their relief. Without date, but supposed to be 1696, from the new coinage and the tax on glass. 1 *page.*

[About 1696.] 30. Warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare a grant to Nathaniel Phillips, gent., of the property of Sir John Friend [or Freind], convicted of high treason. Part of the property consisted of a share in the Phœnix brewhouse, situate in or near the Minories, St. Botolph's, Aldgate. Without date, but Sir John Friend's conviction was in the year 1696. 1 *page.*

About 1696.] 31. Memorial of Abraham Elton, of Bristol, merchant, to the Lords of the Treasury, offering to coin at the mint of the city of Bristol a quantity of copper which he had, into farthings and halfpence, of which there was great want, and to allow 10*l.* per ton for the privilege and 2*d.* per pound for making the blanks, and 3*d.* per pound for coinage, &c.

Without date, but the coinage was then under revision. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

[? About 1696.] 32. Petition of Edw. Bellamy, gent., to the King, stating that he fitted out and kept at sea a privateer, named the "Resolution" galley, which did great service against the enemy and took a French ship near St. Vallery, laden with bay salt, &c., which was condemned as prize, but seized by a Custom House officer at Dover, on the pretence that the Act to prohibit trade with France gave no encouragement to privateers to take prizes from the enemy; praying in consideration of his losses (which amounted almost to 5,000*l.* sterling) that he might be paid, out of seizures or forfeitures in the Customs or otherwise, such a sum as the King thought fit.

Accompanied by copies of five other papers in connexion therewith, the last dated 15 Feb. 1695–6. 8 *pages and* 3 *halves.*

[? About 1696.] 33. Petition of the artisans and tradesmen attending the extraordinary service of the King's gardens for payment of what was due to them at Lady Day 1696, for work done and goods delivered, amounting to 22,872*l.* 13*s.* 1½*d.*, the greater part of which had been owing above six years,

Accompanied by a list of the debts. 4 *pages.*

[? About 1696.] 34. Memorial of William Strickland to the Lord Treasurer of Great Britain as to the time of the commencement of his salary as one of the Commissioners of the Revenue in Ireland; praying that it might commence from the date of the warrant. Undated, but a warrant referred to was dated 1 May 1696.

Minuted:—"Agreed to." 1 *page* (*quarto.*)

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[?1696.] 35. Abstract of estimates of the army and navy since 1689. They are only totals, and the last estimate noticed was on 4 Nov. 1696. 1 *page.*

[?1696.] 36. Petition of Sir Charles Meredith to the King, for a custodiam of the chapel built on a piece of a ground in Osmontown, Dublin, by the Jesuits, subject to an annual rental of 5*s.*
Minuted:—"Granted."
Indorsed in modern hand:—"Forfeited estates 1696." 1 *page.*

[?1696.] 37. Representation of the case of the Provost and Corporation of the Moneyers in the Mint in the Tower of London to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had delivered to their Lordships six weeks before a petition concerning their grievances by reason of the late Coinage Act; the master-worker had said they were then agreed, but that was not so, and their oppression still continued; they craved to be heard, or that their case might be referred to the city goldsmiths, that they might enlighten their Lordships.
Accompanied by what appears to be the petition referred to, in which they state that they had been a corporation above 300 years, and had been obliged to coin silver money at 9*d.* per pound, but it could not then be done at that rate, as one half was to be in shillings and sixpences, besides the small moneys, which according to indenture were 18 ounces in groats, threepences, twopences, and pence on every hundred weight, which would be the utter ruin of the corporation, as the labour was double, and they employed 120 labourers and 33 horses, besides being answerable for waste and embezzlement. Undated, but ?1696 from the state of the coinage. 2 *pages.*

[?1696.] 38. "An estimate for the building of severall work-houses and stables according to a desine drawn for that purposs, with other nesesary things belonging to y^e^ coyning of the sillvar in is M^ats^ mint within y^e^ Tower of London."
Also an estimate for a mint to be built in the country. Undated; probably 1696 from the increased duties in the mint in that year. 3 *pages.*

[?About 1696.] 39. Petition of William Sutton and others to the Lords of the Treasury, showing that they had disposed of their commodities for white halfpence and farthings, not doubting that when the copper halfpence and farthings came out, they should have them exchanged; that they then had upwards of 400*l.* worth of them, and the patentees refused to exchange the said white money; praying for order to be given for their relief. Undated, but perhaps about 1696, as there were contractors for farthings in that year. See *Minute Book,* Vol. VI., p. 294. 1 *page.*

[?About 1696.] 40. "Isaac Bobin's most humble representation, tending to repeal the Act of Prohibition which was on Flanders goods, and in order to settle that trade on a better foot for the advantage of England."

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1696. The indorsement states that it was approved by Sir W. Trumball and Wm. Bridgeman, Esq., who "advised Bobin to give a copy of it to several members of Parliament, and he did it." Between 1695 and 1697. [Sir Willm. Trumball, Secretary of State.] 1¼ *pages.*

[? 1695 or 1696, or earlier.] 41. Petition of Robert Mackarrell, merchant, owner of the ship "Endeavour," of Belfast, Josiah Leathes master, and the "Defence," of Bristol, John Rosse master, addressed to the Lord Godolphin, showing that the petitioner's two ships were pressed at Carrickfergus into Their Majesties' artillery service in Ireland, whereby there is due to him 211*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*; that others have received their pay, but that the petitioner was at the time they received it a prisoner in France; praying that as he had made his escape from France with his whole family, and had to begin the world again, their Lordships would get his petition speedily called on towards his relief. 1 *page* (*quarto*).

1696. 42. Petition of David Williams, gent., to the King, showing that his ancestors, &c. were great sufferers for their loyalty to King Charles I.; that King Charles II., being sensible thereof, ordered the petitioner to be employed in his chemical laboratory at Whitehall, under Sir Thos. Williams, Bart., his chief chemical physician, at 50*l.* *per ann.*, and 10*s.* weekly board wages, till something better was found for him, and that 370*l.* remained unpaid for five years' service; praying that Mr. Lownds might be ordered to read to the King the petition and certificate annexed, and that the Lords of the Treasury might be ordered to minute the next King's waiter's place to him in London, and that his arrears might be paid.

The petition is accompanied by another from him addressed to the Com^rs^ of Their Majesties' Treasury, and a certificate as to the employment of Nicholas Williams as a tidesman in the port of London, with a memorandum that he was unfortunately drowned in the Thames in Their Majesties' service, 4th June 1691.

In the year 1696, as these papers are very exactly referred to in the letter numbered 53, Vol. XLI. 3 *pages* (1 *parchment*).

[? 1696 or 1697.] 43. An estimate of the charge of coining 25,000*l.* per week. Undated; but probably 1696 or 1697, from the coining then going on. 1 *page.*

[? About 1696 or 1697.] 44. Petition of M. Salomie de la Farre to the Lords of the Treasury, praying payment of 144*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, due to him as engineer and lieutenant in Brigadier Belcastle's regiment up to 7 Dec. 1694; which service he quitted the 18th of March 1695-6. Undated.

Accompanied by a copy of the state of the account (decayed). 1 *page* (*quarto*) *and* 2 *pages* (*folio*).

[Perhaps about 1696 or 1697.] 45. Proposal of Peter Floyer and Charles Shales to the Lords of Treasury, offering to receive all the hammered money, and deliver the full weight in standard silver into the mint at 9*d.* per pound

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weight to be allowed for waste, worseness, refining, and all other charges in receiving and reducing the same to sterling. Signed.

Minuted:—"Speak w^th officers of mint ab^t this." [See also No. 16.] 1 *page.*

[? 1696 or 1697.] 46. Petition of John Bingham, Inspector for the King at the melting house in the Exchequer, showing that he had been appointed to melt down the hammered money, and had discharged his duty, though with much difficulty and danger, by many interruptions and threats; he conceived a great fraud or embezzlement, amounting to 200 lbs. weight, had been perpetrated, and prayed that Mr. Jett might attend their Lordships to answer such charges as might be alleged against him. Undated, but the Act about hammered money passed 1696, (chapter II.), and Mr. Jett was in treaty with the Mint on 12 May 1696.

See *Minute Book*, Vol. VI., p. 294. 1 *page.*

[? About 1696 or 1697.] 47. An answer (signed) by the Com^rs appointed to carry out the Act for granting an aid of 4*s.* in the pound in the county of Brecknock, made to misrepresentations in a certificate of Sir Edward Williams and other Com^rs who refused to join with them in the discharge of their duties. Undated; the last Act for 4*s.* in the pound was passed 7 & 8 Will. 3., and there is mention of the signing the "Association," which took place in 1696. 2 *pages.*

[? 1696 or 1697. 48. Copy of a petition of the shipwrights, caulkers, &c. belonging to His Majesty's yard at Kinsale, complaining of the exorbitant rate of provisions from the scarcity of money and the late coming in of the harvest, and that the persons who usually gave them credit had then such apprehensions of peace that they would not trust them, but had arrested some, and unless paid would speedily imprison the rest of them; praying their honours to order such measures for the yard's payment, as to prevent these evil consequences. 1 *page.*

[Before 1697.] 49. A draft (apparently in Mr. Lowndes handwriting) of certain estimates in connexion with the army, for seven months and 12 months, entitled "Computation of 7 months' pay for the foreigners, part of the body of 40,038 men." And further down:

"The like for those in the body of 10,000 men." Undated; but before the disbanding the troops in 1697.

Docquetted:—"Computacon of the savings." 1½ *pages.*

[? 1696.] 50. Letter of Mr. Isaac Newton to the Lords of the Treasury, stating that he had lately received information of certain forfeitures of clippers and coiners in the possession of Simon Rolfe, of Lyn-Regis, Esq., (taken upon Edw. Pamphilon and others, tried and convicted at the Assizes for Norfolk,) in the hands of Joseph Host, Esq., Justice of the Peace there, and in the hands of the Sheriff and Under-Sheriff of Yorkshire; praying warrants for delivery of the same.

It further mentions a process commenced four years since against the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. Undated, but query 1696,

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as the process referred to seems to have been in 1692. See entry 14 Aug. 1696. 1 *page.*

[? 1696.] 51. A printed paper, entitled :—

Part of the Illegal and Evil Practices of His Majesty's General Post Office that hath been proved by divers affidavits, and at several hearings, *vivâ voce*, before their Excellencies the Lords Justices of England.

They relate to the doings of,—

Mr. William Brockett, "the present Comptroller of the Outland Office."

Mr. William Gosling, a clerk of the said office.

Mr. Adam Francko, of the said office; and,

Mr. Edmund Sawtell, Clerk of the Irish and Chester Road.

It was a case in which there was a prosecution. Undated; but there is mention of the late "damnable conspiracy," which makes it probable that it was in 1696. 1 *page.*

[? About 1696.] 52. The proposal of Francis Eyles, merchant, and others, to the Lords of the Treasury, to give bills of exchange, payable at "2 usance," in Amsterdam, for the value of 100,000*l.* st., at the rate of 10 guilders and 8 stivers, Holland's money, for each pound sterling, on certain conditions. Undated, but probably about 1696, as Mr. Eyles was then much engaged in such transactions. See *Minute Book.* 1 *page.*

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